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INTRODUCTORY

The establishment in London of a centre for the promotion of Advanced Legal Studies fulfils a long-cherished aspiration. For many years it has been felt to be eminently desirable that in the parent metropolis of the Common Law better provision should be made for the encouragement of the study of the higher branches of legal science and for making available to scholars not only in this country but throughout the British Commonwealth and abroad the unrivalled materials which exist in London for legal research.

In 1932 the late Lord Sankey, then Lord Chancellor, appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the late Lord Atkin, to consider “the organisation of legal education in England with a view to . . . further provision for advanced research in legal studies”.

The report of the Committee (Cmd. 4663 of 1934) emphasised the need for an institution “which would be a headquarters for academic research and would promote the advancement of knowledge of the law in the most general terms”. It stated further that the “experience of the Institute of Historical Research (which is part of the University of London) shows that the constitution of that University is sufficiently flexible to allow of direct association with the University of the city in which the Institute is placed without in any way prejudicing the co-operation either of other universities or of other bodies”.

A further Committee, under Lord Macmillan’s Chairmanship, was set up in 1938 to advise on carrying out the recommendation that an Institute of Advanced Legal Studies should be set up in London; but the work of this Committee was interrupted by the outbreak of war.

The project has now happily been achieved by the decision of the University of London to set up the present Institute as a part of its post-war development policy and to provide and equip suitable premises at 25 Russell Square which will be opened by the Lord Chancellor on June 11th.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE INSTITUTE

The teaching at the Institute will be concentrated on the subjects required for the degree of Master of Laws and higher research degrees, and will take the form of seminar classes conducted by the Professors and other teachers in the Faculty of Laws in the University and by visiting lecturers. Particulars of seminars will be available before the beginning of the session.

The Institute aims at becoming the focal point of legal research for the United Kingdom and the countries of the British Commonwealth. In addition to formal instruction, it will provide a meeting place for teachers and research workers from Universities and Colleges; and great importance is attached to the opportunity afforded for personal contact.
Another aspect of the Institute's work is that of collating particulars of legal research being undertaken in London and elsewhere. It is proposed that these particulars will be made available to research workers through the medium of the Institute's publication or in other ways.

The responsibility for advanced research in the field of Oriental Laws is being assumed by the Department of Oriental Laws at the School of Oriental and African Studies, where it will be carried on in close conjunction with the Institute. Enquiries on subjects relating to Oriental Laws should be addressed to the Head of that Department, Professor S. G. Vesey-FitzGerald, LL.D.

The Library of the Institute, as it is gradually built up, will form an increasingly useful aid to research. An outline of its contents is given on pages 8 and 9.

It is hoped moreover that the Institute will secure a great measure of co-operation between law libraries in London, Oxford and Cambridge, and, indeed, throughout the country. To this end, a survey of current legal periodicals and of the Empire law literature available in the main law libraries is being undertaken. It is planned to extend this "Union Catalogue" to other law books, such as those published in the United States. Great importance is attached to keeping these surveys up-to-date. It is hoped that the results of some may be published.

Not only will the Institute thus be able to answer enquiries from research workers and libraries generally as to the location of legal works, but it will also be able to give priority in its own purchases to books which are not readily available elsewhere.

The Institute will be in a position to afford practical guidance and assistance both to those who desire to pursue specialised branches of research and to those who seek opportunities of observing the law in operation in the various Courts of Justice which have their seat in London. It will at all times be ready to lend its aid in the furtherance of projects for the advancement of legal learning and in the exchange of information by conference and correspondence.

PREMISES

The Court of the University has placed at the disposal of the Institute temporary premises at 25 Russell Square. These have now been adapted and furnished. Most of the room available on the ground and first floors of the Institute premises is devoted to the main sections of the Library. The rooms on the second and third floors will be used as offices, and typing, study and seminar rooms. A hand book-lift is being installed so that books can be moved easily from floor to floor. All rooms are connected by an internal telephone system.
LIBRARY

The Institute's Library on the day of opening comprises 11,000 volumes. A substantial number of these were bequeathed to the University by the late Dr. Charles Huberich. The Huberich collection contains many books dealing with European law and the laws of the United States and Central and South American countries. There are also considerable, if slightly out-of-date, sections dealing with public and private international law, and there is a fair nucleus of works on Roman Law.

The Nuffield Foundation has very generously made a grant of £10,000 to enable the Institute to build up a library of Dominion and Empire laws. In spending this, priority is being given to those publications which are not available elsewhere in London, and for this purpose a systematic survey of the Empire law literature in the legal libraries in London is being undertaken.

A number of other valuable gifts of English and American legal works have been made to the Library by Professor A. L. Goodhart, K.B.E., K.C., Sir Samuel Gluckstein, Dr. D. W. Logan, and others.

Although it is hoped in time to build up a comprehensive library of the Common Law of the British Commonwealth and to have a very full library in other fields (American, Continental, International and Ancient and Medieval), for the present it is clear that a selective policy must be followed.

The system of classification for library books is partly on a geographical and partly on a subject basis. Books relating to countries of the British Commonwealth are grouped together, and will form The Nuffield Library, while those on Anglo-American law are classified under the subject headings, regardless of the country of publication.

The lay-out of the various sections of the Library is as follows:

**Ground Floor Library**
- REF (Reference books)
- GA 1 and 2 (Geographical section, England)
- SJ (Anglo-American law treatises)

**1st Floor Library**
- GA 3- (Scotland and Ireland, etc.)
- GB-GN (British Empire countries)
- GO (Europe)
- GP 1 (U.S.A. as a whole)

**2nd Floor: Typing Room**
- SH (Conflict of Laws)

**3rd Floor: Study Rooms**
- SA (Jurisprudence)
- SB (Comparative Law)
- SC (Ancient and Mediaeval Law)
- SE (Canon Law)
- SF (Jewish Law)
- SG (Public International Law)
Reserve Stack-room Accommodation

GP 2-50 (States of U.S.A.)

(Application for these books should be made to the Library Staff)

GQ-GU (U.S. possessions; Central and South America; Non-British Asia and Africa)

SJ (Anglo-American Law—superseded editions)

The Catalogue (author and subject) which is being built up is in the ground floor library. Racks for current numbers of periodicals, law reports, etc., are in the ground and first floor libraries.

Readers are encouraged to recommend for purchase any books, law reports, periodicals, etc., which they think should be available in the Institute’s Library. They are requested to use the form provided for this purpose. Books may not be borrowed from the Library.

ADMISSION

The Regulations for admission to the Institute provide that:

(i) Members of the Committee are entitled to use the Institute without fee.

(ii) The Committee may admit without payment:

(a) Persons who have assisted in the development of the Institute;

(b) Teachers of Law in Universities and University Colleges, both in the United Kingdom and overseas, and all teachers in Law Schools who are qualified to become members of the Society of Public Teachers of Law;

(c) Post-graduate students engaged on approved research, and any University students attending a class or seminar at the Institute;

(d) Other persons by permission of the Director.

(iii) Persons who already hold a research degree or have published the results of their researches, or have had considerable training or practical experience in the law, may be admitted to use the Institute, either (a) on payment of a fee, or (b) exceptionally, without fee, if duly invited and willing to assist in the work of a seminar held at the Institute.

It is intended that students reading for a higher degree in laws shall be registered at one of the Colleges or Schools of the University where there is a Faculty of Laws (viz. University College, King’s College, or the London School of Economics), but that facilities for study and research shall be provided at the Institute. Those students who are not registered in this way, occasional students, and research workers, should consult the Director on the subject of facilities for their proposed course of study.
Applications for admission, general enquiries and requests for interviews, should be addressed to the Director of the Institute.

Admission Cards will be issued to all entitled to use the Institute and these must be shown on request. All persons using the Institute are required to sign the register in the entrance hall once a day.

PARTICULARS OF EXAMINATIONS FOR THE LL.M. DEGREE

An Internal Student may obtain the Degree of Master of Laws in one of two ways. The candidate may either (1) be examined by means of six written papers, or (2) submit a dissertation and be further examined by means of three written papers.

1. Examination without Dissertation

Candidates are examined in three subjects, one from Group A, one from Group B and a third subject from either Group. In each subject the examination consists of two three-hour papers.

**Group A.**
(1) The Law of Contract and Tort
(2) Law of Property
(3) Constitutional Laws of the British Empire
(4) Mercantile Law

**Group B**
(1) Roman Law
(2) Public International Law
(3) Legal History
(4) Hindu Law and Muhammadan Law
(5) Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
(6) Family Law
(7) Administrative Law
(8) Conflict of Laws.

The Examiners may, in addition, if they see fit, examine any candidate orally.

II. Examination with Dissertation

(1) The candidate must submit a dissertation which must be a record of original work or other contribution to knowledge in some branch of Law. The subject of the dissertation must be submitted for the approval of the University not later than 15th April for the next ensuing Examination. Any subject submitted at a later date must be accompanied by a fee of 10s. 6d.

(2) The written portion of the Examination consists of three papers, two of which must be on the subject prescribed by the University from Group A above, and one must be a special paper on the wider aspects of the dissertation.
The candidate is informed of the subjects in which he is examined at the same time that the University communicates its decision regarding the approval of the subject proposed for the dissertation.

The Examiners may in addition, if they see fit, examine the candidate orally.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PH.D. DEGREE IN THE FACULTY OF LAWS

An Internal Student must pursue—

(a) a course of not less than two years of full-time training in research and research methods, or

(b) a part-time course of training in research and research methods of not less than two years and not more than four years as may be prescribed in each individual case by the Academic Council.

For detailed information on both degrees reference should be made to the Regulations relating to Degrees in Laws which can be obtained on application to the University of London, Senate House, London, W.C.1.