

now being advocated, and causing extensive mischief in Canada, England, and the United States, had been put into the mouths of demagogues by Aristophanes. The demagogues and sophists caused the destruction of the Athenian Commonwealth, but their fallacies will, in both the British Empire and the United States, be defeated by the enlightenment of public opinion. In this illumination, 'the gladsome light of Jurisprudence' will be a potent factor. When concluding his lectures to the Law Schools of the United States, Sir Frederick Pollock, her most learned Knight, nobly said:

'Remember that our Lady the Common Law is not a taskmistress, but a bountiful sovereign whose service is freedom. The destinies of the English-speaking world are bound up with her fortunes and her migrations, and its conquests are justified by her works.'

While one, as in duty bound, praises 'our Lady the Common Law,' yet I would not utter one word of criticism or disparagement of the Civil Law which is undoubtedly one of the greatest achievements of the human intellect. It must be remembered that the Civil Law rules not only in France, Scotland, and on the banks of the St. Lawrence, but elsewhere over millions, tens of millions, of men, and in all cases not by reason of imperial power, but by the imperial power of reason, if one may once again so paraphrase the famous saying of Portalis:

*'Non ratione imperii, sed imperio rationis.'*

Truly peace hath her victories no less renowned than War, and Napoleon's Code will be remembered, and in some places revered and obeyed, long after his battles are forgotten.

In the fullness of time the day came when Virginia as part of the United States, and Canada as part of the British Empire, fought under the great Frenchman, Field-Marshal Foch, in a common cause. The sons of Canada and Virginia were tested in the fiery trials of the Great War, and proved faithful and true to the highest ideals. Many of the sons of Canada and Virginia, yea, and of the sons of all parts of the British Empire and the United States and of our Allies, gladly laid down their bright young lives, 'their fairest gift of a lover's devotion,' to the sacred cause of liberty. Of them we may use the immortal words