

business, as worthy to be trusted counsellors of persons in any occupation or in positions of authority. To the credit of our profession be it said that most who have entered it have recognized the obligations and responsibilities thus assumed and have generally performed them.

Few indeed have spent energy and time and money in the preparation for admission to the legal profession and have entered it with the primary object of thereby making money. Those who have done so have shewn at the outset lack of judgment and good taste, both essentials to true professional success. It is not a calling or instrumentality suited to that purpose as is the business of the merchant, manufacturer or miner. Persons who have thus sought to commercialize it, to prostitute it to such an end in itself have lowered the professional tone and so lost the respect and esteem of their fellow-practitioners and of the people. They take no interest in the advancement of our profession and do not possess its spirit. At all times ready to make use of anything to promote their own selfish interests, they merit the remark of Lord Bacon:—

“They cared not what became of the ship of state if so be that they could save themselves in the cock-boat of their fortunes.”

The lawyer's sphere cannot be as clearly defined as that of the doctor of medicine or the minister. His range is wider, *hic et ubique*, his duties multifarious, his training more versatile. Moreover, the constant practise in caring for his clients, in assuming their burden and the direction of their many affairs, added to the training of his student life, naturally increases in the lawyer that habit of service and usefulness for others. The frequency with which he examines both sides of the various questions submitted to him tends to impartiality and a judicial and temperate habit of mind. Further, the vigorous participation in affairs with the purpose to do right amid the many lures and temptations incident to his vocation is the most wholesome moral tonic which nature can have. Such employment does not certainly cultivate the scruples of the casuist or the glowing visions of the seer but it does stimulate and strengthen for the