

ways and banks, and warehouses and factories. Law is not a money-making business. The ambition for wealth is omitted from the lawyer's oath of office. He consecrates himself to other and higher purposes. I am quite well aware that anything that might be said of the distinction between trades and professions would be regarded by many as irritating twaddle. As a basis of class distinctions there has been very much that is irritating. The strong men of commerce upon whose sagacity, enterprise and capital so much depends for the material development of a country, command our respect and admiration, and, perhaps—too often,—our envy. We must not assert a vaunting claim to superiority, but we ought to remember that there is something distinctive of the professions. Your clergymen ministers to your spiritual nature, and your respect for him is not gauged by the amount of his modest stipend. Your physician's skill is engaged for the lives and health of your loved ones. The world's criteria of values yield before the great experiences of life. Sit by the bedside of your only child when the gray dawn begins to reveal again the pallor of the sunken cheeks, and you will think less of the rise and fall of stocks; nor will you compare your devoted doctor with your excellent broker. You will simply say the two are quite different, and the one is not measured by any standards that are known on the exchange. So must we pause to remember in the hurry-scurry of routine, that as lawyers we are not dealing with pig iron and molasses, but with eternal principles of morals and justice, upon the application of which depends not only the security of life, property and reputation, but even of liberty itself. Our constitutions and our laws may decree liberty, but it is only in the working out of these laws that we shall enjoy liberty, and that wrong and oppression shall cease. Let us remove not the ancient landmark. Let us not lower the standards that concern the honor of the profession. Change must needs come in the methods and the etiquette of the profession; but let us not suffer these changes to obscure that, which for the true lawyer must always be above money-making, and above fame, the fact that his sacred obligation