

As is well known the Victorian era opened upon the old system with its absurd technicalities and fictions and forms, and closing left the law and its procedure under the new system whose methods, though some degrees below perfect, are founded on common sense and better fitted to promote justice and a popular sense of fair play among litigants.

That great mental contest (the greatest known to mankind), the forensic trial, has been raised nearer to its true dignity. Its intricate machinery has theoretically at least the same motor and the same governor for the lettered and unlettered, for the fat and the lean, in each case efficiently performing its prime function grinding out the truth on the issue under the law.

The philosophy of "The Modern Law-suit" is that a stagnant system of jurisprudence, like any other stagnant system, is a failure. Its moral is to teach the need of still further law reform to the end that law procedure shall be simplified and