

“The lucid interspace of world and
 world,
 Where never creeps a cloud, or
 moves a wind,
 Nor ever falls the least white star
 of snow,
 Nor ever lowest roll of thunder
 moans,
 Nor sound of human sorrow mounts
 to mar
 Their sacred everlasting calm.”

Or it may be to meet a fellow-wanderer, and by the awful impact be again resolved into a heated, glowing nebula, filling an almost incalculable extent of space, and ready to begin once more a life-history measured by ages which baffle the imagination.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE AVERAGE MAN, IN A NON-COMPETITIVE SOCIETY.

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When it comes to the choice of a profession or calling, the individual will be guided by circumstances that defy all attempts to reduce the thing to rules or principles. It is a mistake to disparage any established profession. Thus, it is honorable to assist in the administration of justice, in the making of laws, and in their application to the various relationships of society. The legal profession must therefore always have its useful and prominent place. With the harmonizing and unifying of business relationships, and the substitution of the co-operative for the competitive principle, it is obvious that litigation is affected; and in some spheres it is, fortunately, much reduced. All this will have its effect upon the future of the lawyer's calling. To care for the legal business of some individual corporations nowadays requires a great number of trained lawyers. In some New York law offices, as doubtless also in Chicago, one finds thirty or forty, or even seventy-five or a hundred, fully trained members of the legal profession—excellent lawyers, of

whom one never hears—most of them college graduates; a few, perhaps, sharing in the profits of the firm and ranking as partners, but most of them employed at moderate salaries and working as law clerks.

It happens to please these men better to have their assured salaries and live their lives in a great metropolitan centre with opportunities to indulge their cultivated private tastes—to see pictures, to hear music, to meet their friends at the club—than to scatter into smaller cities and towns, hang out their shingles on the old-fashioned plan, and elbow their way to the front in law practice and in politics as persons of at least local importance. For my part I should probably prefer the independent shingle and a country town; but this is a matter of taste not to be disputed about, and the point I wish to make is that more and more the members of the legal profession are doubtless destined to associate together in these large groups under circumstances which afford a good deal of stability and satisfaction.