

apparently, in this Province, learned that there are many people and societies who are definitely trying to better their fellow man and woman, sometimes in ways which do not always commend themselves to everybody, but speaking generally in a spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, and that these people are not trained in the law and sometimes are not endowed with discretion. The inevitable result is that they sometimes outrun public opinion or want something which ought not in justice to the community be granted. But they are entitled to help and their point of view is after all the right one, for it looks to the betterment of social conditions. What I urge on you has been already done by others.

The New York State Bar Association for some years wrestled with the problems of Workman's Compensation, complicated by constitutional difficulties, with the law relating to expert medical testimony and with that relating to the commitment and discharge of the criminal insane. They did this, not as a bare contribution to law, but as citizens bringing their knowledge and experience to bear on matters affecting the body politic and needing only a secure framework of law to rest upon. And that Association also, during the war, organized itself to help and assist in the operation of the draft law and gave great and unselfish service in securing its smooth working and its ultimate success. The local Bar in the various cities and towns in the zones round training camps also organized so as to secure the revision of old laws or the passing of new ones to aid the efforts of the President and Secretary of War in stamping out venereal disease.

All these movements need for their ultimate success, or at all events would be better for the possession of, the sympathy and service of our profession. Besides this the endeavour to understand and solve a problem has always been an interesting thing to a lawyer. Law Associations have done good in the past by taking up and dealing with many things more closely relating to legal procedure and jurisprudence, but have never yet branched out into something broader, with the idea that it could serve the public freely and without reward and in that way give great and lasting aid towards settling many puzzling and agitating questions. It would be a distinct contribution to public order and good govern-