

leaders on both sides of the House, that when the matter comes up for discussion they will agree that law reform shall not be the object of a mere politician's crusade or as something which is denied or neglected on one side, and must, therefore, be fought for tooth and nail on the other.

The subject is confessedly one of the most difficult that could engage the attention of jurists and statesmen, and requires the fullest and most patient consideration from the best minds of both parties, with the aid of all the light that can be gained from the ability and experience of those who are learned in the law. Just here we would venture to suggest that any draft bill should be sent to the profession for their consideration and suggestions. And in a matter of this kind it is especially desirable to make haste slowly.

It is unnecessary to say that this subject should be approached in the spirit of those great English Chancellors, Lord Cairns and Lord Selborne, who though strenuous opponents in politics, joined together in loyal and cordial co-operation to promote every measure which tended to improve or simplify the principles and practice of the law. It is to the unselfish efforts of these, and like-minded men, that are due such notable measures as the Common Law Procedure Act, the Judicature Acts, the Conveyancing and Settled Lands Acts, and many others which have borne good fruit in this, as well as in the mother country.

As to the subject itself there is no doubt that there are some excrescences that should be lopped off, abuses that should be rectified and improvements made. At the same time we doubt very much whether law can ever be made such a cheap, easy and expeditious means of securing justice as some sanguine persons seem to expect. These persons of course belong to the laity, who so commonly receive wrong impressions from, and are put on the wrong track by, writers for the daily papers, who from want of training have only a dim appreciation of what is wrong, and have absolutely no knowledge of how the wrong can best be remedied.

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