

actuated by a proper sense of morals and a regard for professional ethics of the highest type. The great principle underlying all civilized law is one which seeks to provide a remedy for wrong-doing, a protection to individual and public rights, and a degree of justice to all. The basic element must, therefore, be one of morality. The administration of laws depends on the character of the men who are engaged in their observance and enforcement. A poor law honestly enforced is infinitely better than a good law corruptly administered. What are we doing to see that this doctrine is carried out in practise? We are careful and exacting in the mental and legal training of our students, and we are apt to conclude that those who pass academic or highly technical examinations are eminently qualified to practice. But if they have not been trained in the fundamental elements and imbued with a proper sense of the morality of law, the most important feature of their ground work has been omitted. When I refer to "Moral Ethics" I mean those which belong peculiarly to the practice of our Profession, and not to the general code of morals which may be classed more properly as appertaining to religion. The idea is more correctly conveyed by the expression "Moral Ethics." This subject is not even hinted at so far as I know, in the curriculum of the ordinary law school in this country. Our students are carefully educated in all the legal niceties of contracts, but the honesty of the contractual relation is not dealt with. The cleverness of some lawyer may enable him to say of his opponent, "Well, I got the start of him on that deal." His mind is not affected by any well defined principle of right that should have been impressed on him in his student days. He does not feel that the transaction may be one contrary to all teachings of moral ethics, and which he should have squared on the ground of conscience and not on legal expertness. In this connection, I am, therefore, taking the liberty of making a suggestion, which is simple, and would, I believe, be most beneficial.

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