

greatest possible indifference. Nor have I yet discovered any reason why any portion of the community should look askance at the lawyer who realizes from his profession a half respectable competence. But there are still some who view the matter as the author of "The Borough" did:—

"One man of law in George the Second's reign
Was all our frugal fathers would maintain;
He, too, was kept for forms, a man of peace
To frame a contract, or to draw a lease;
He had a clerk with whom he used to write
All the day long, with whom he drank at night.
Spare was his visage, moderate his bill,
And he so kind, men doubted of his skill.
Who thinks of this, with some amazement sees
For one so poor, three flourishing at ease;
Nay, one in splendour! See that mansion tall;
That lofty door, the far-resounding hall;
Well furnished rooms, plate shining on the board,
Gay liveried lads, and cellar proudly stored;
Then say how comes it that such fortunes crown
These sons of strife, these terrors of the town."

It goes without saying that it ought to be the ambition of a lawyer as well as of a cotton spinner to pay his debts honestly, and to give to his family the enjoyment of a fair share of life's comforts and pleasures. My message, therefore, would not be to avoid money-making as you would the plague; it would rather be to exercise the same intelligence and caution in looking after your own investments as you devote to your clients' affairs. With character, industry and average ability, there is no reason why a lawyer should not realize some degree of success in his calling, and according to every righteous principle, this ought to mean that he makes some money. He does not usually keep it. Why? Of course, I am bound to say I do not know. Is the lawyer more speculative than the merchant? Is there anything in the practice of law calculated to make him so? Love is sometimes called a lottery, but surely no one ever dreamed of speaking so disrespectfully of law. I had a few words