There is ar ther reward which is far sweeter than any outside of the profession can know—the privilege of meeting on the equal plane of a common gentlemanlyhood with men of intellect and heart. To feel, however insignificant he may be in comparison with the great leaders, that one is of the same calling and in a measure bound by the same responsibilities as those who 'walk with a free foot on the higher ranges of the law.' Courage and perseverance, 'the Gods yield all to labor.' Such is the lesson taught by the lives of all those whom we call great lawyers. They began in humble spheres like the pawn on the chess-board, but by skilful exercise of talent and by industry they reach the goal.

'So mergeth the true hearted
With aim fixt high,
From place obscure and lowly
Veereth he naughte,
His works he wroughte.
How many royal paths he trod
So many royal crowns hath God.'

Gentlemen of the Canadian Bar Association, I give you greeting and congratulate you that you have come into being. I have had some opportunity to travel in your glorious country, not like your Association in its infancy, but surely in an early and lusty youth. Your lofty mountains are an inspiration; your boundless prairies a prophecy; your lakes and forests and rivers are destined by Providence to minister to the wealth and prosperity of a mighty people. You are our kindred; you are born of the same great traditions; preserve them and believe that from our side of the imaginary boundary that separates us but in name, we shall rejoice in your growth and glory in your strength."

Mr. Terry in speaking of the function of law, said:—

"The simplest truths are often those which are most easily overlooked. It is the simplest of truths that law is made to live under and not upon. The only legitimate function for law is to provide a rule of conduct. It is not the function of law to provide a resting place or a support for those who, of individual initiative, would seek to substitute government for character.