

isting provincial law societies or organizations—on the contrary, the Canadian Association seeks the co-operation of these. Its design is usefulness.

Faithful and efficient service has been and is a characteristic of our profession; it is due to the client, expected by the people and willingly given by the Bar. The highest title and dignity conferred on a member of the English Bar before 1880 was that of serjeant, who is the "serviens" of Bracton's time—the "serving man" of about the Thirteenth Century. For this purpose of service members of our profession are required to be learned in the law and the principles of Government, to be of moral character and industrious, usually to take an oath of office promising to uphold the constitution of the land, to aid in the administration of its law. Their conduct after being called is always under scrutiny by fellow practitioners who are zealous for the honour of the Bar. For any dereliction in duty they are liable to discipline by the society to which they belong and by the court before which they practise. They are thus certified to the people as those having general knowledge of affairs and learning beyond the ordinary, as capable of giving advice on the written and unwritten law which governs the people and their business, as worthy to be trusted counsellors of persons in any occupation or in positions of authority. To the credit of our profession be it said that most who have entered it have recognized the obligations and responsibilities thus assumed and have generally performed them.

Few indeed have spent energy and time and money in the preparation for admission to the legal profession and have entered it with the primary object of thereby making money. Those who have done so have shewn at the outset lack of judgment and good taste, both essentials to true professional success. It is not a calling or instrumentality suited to that purpose as is the business of the merchant, manufacturer or miner. Persons who have thus sought to commercialize it, to prostitute it to such an end in itself have lowered the professional tone and so lost the respect and esteem of their fellow-practitioners and