

And yet in a recent issue of a great newspaper the fact that Johnson was no lawyer was referred to as if it detracted from the weight of his opinion. Truly a curious idea. But if the opinions of lawyers are desired, that the late Lord Chancellor of England, Lord Halsbury, may perhaps have weight. He characterized as "ridiculous, impossible of performance, and calculated to lead to great injustice," the thesis "that an advocate is bound to convince himself by something like an original investigation that his client is in the right before he undertakes the duty of acting for him." To do so, he added, would be "usurping the office of the judge, by which I mean the judicial function, whether that function is performed by a single man or by the composite arrangement of judge and jury which finds favour with us." When the whole theory of our law, the conduct of trials, and the nature of an advocate's duties are remembered, all this seems too clear for any possible difference of opinion. The lawyer must, of course, stoop to no connivance at an unlawful or guilty method of defence, nor must he lie by stating or intimating to the jury his own individual opinion that the defendant is guiltless. Even though his client is guilty, it is his right and duty to present to the jury the evidence in the most favourable aspect for the prisoner, and to avail himself of all technical advantages. According to our system of administering justice, truth is struck out between the opposing arguments of counsel each of whom presents his side of the case as strongly as he can. The ultimate decision rests not with the counsel, but with Court and jury. The system may admit of improvement, but as it is the advocate must act for his client with all the ability of which he is master. And by so doing he discharges his duty not only toward the client but to society at large.—*Law Notes.*

It is sometimes found to be a little awkward to be taken at your word. Christian Scientists say there is no such thing as matter and that pain and consequent suffering are quite unnecessary. One of the cult referred to recently sued the Fort Worth Railway Co., for damages to compensate her for physical