

gations, and who disregards the call of a good life, should not be a lawyer. It will be said that as regards this phase of the matter, the Profession has no concern. I think differently. I see no reason why the Profession of law should not adopt some well-defined rule, as one finds in the profession of the ministry. A man's personal conduct has everything to do with his professional duties. His clients are entitled to the best that his mind can give them, and if that mind is debased or clouded by his own acts, he is not in a position to fulfil the conditions and the privileges conferred upon him by the governing body. His average life, if of a high moral character, adds very materially to the repute of the profession to which he belongs, and if he lowers the tone of that life by misconduct or bad living, he unconsciously lowers his profession in the eyes of respectable men. If all lawyers were immoral in their living, or otherwise disreputable, the Profession would become out-cast and condemned. If they were all upright men, the Profession would stand as the highest and noblest calling in the world. The question is one of degree and comparative standing, and the nearer we individually approach to the ideal, the higher will be the plane reached by the organization of which we form a part.

Another element to be considered is this: How shall we uphold the honour of the Profession, except by uprightness in the practice of it? I am not referring to the matter of uprightness in the sense in which it is used by religious denominations. What is meant is the high sense of honour of each individual, the aggregate of which is crystallized in the words of my subject. What are the objects of the lawyer's calling. Amongst others, there is the conscientious performance of his duty in aiding in the administration of justice and law. There is also the desire to see that no undue advantage is taken as regards others. There are rights due by our Profession to persons other than our own clients. Do we uphold professional honour by sharp practice, or by laying traps for an unwary antagonist to fall into, and by this method seek to advance our case at the expense of an innocent man? If we believe in truth and