

common end, but the analogy of their studies and the uniformity of their proceedings connect their minds together as much as a common interest could bind their endeavours."

Professor Maitland, one of England's keenest legal intellects, however, goes further and approves the theory of such a corporate psychological entity. He says: "It is no fiction, no symbol, no piece of states machinery, no collective name for individuals, but a living organism and a real person. . . . It is not a fictitious person; it is a group-person, and its will is a group will."

It is the hope of the members of this Association that their definitely joining together for its worthy purposes, their intercourse through the opportunities it affords and their common ideals and aspirations, their hopes and struggles, will not only connect their minds, as De Tocqueville says, but will develop such a group spiritual personality as will inspire and uplift our profession and so bless and unite our young nation under their leadership. Most of you members present have reached by passing time the maturity of your development. You are using that development for your appointed task and for public service. You have succeeded. The spirit which called you and our guests here is not a spirit of selfishness but the spirit of the profession, to which you are responsive. It prompts you to do what you can to advance the profession and make it more efficient. You know that the best means to that end is to influence and direct your law students and young practitioners; to keep ever before them that which is best in our ideal and traditions and to give them fullest opportunity to learn the law and its practice, and to encourage in them the habit of service to their clients and to the public. Every earnest youth who seeks entrance to the profession has aspirations without which there can be no real progress. Those are quickened by the story and example of noble lawyers. (I do not say successful lawyers, for there may be different definitions of a successful lawyer.) Ambitious students are usually hero worshippers. Before Homer wrote his Iliad, the Greeks were a rude and simple people. In the etherial of imagination he unveiled an Achilles whose attributes