

course within two years thereafter, and by 1860 had become a partner of the most celebrated lawyer in the United States, the Hon. William M. Evarts.

"In his own country six universities have conferred honorary degrees upon him, while in Great Britain Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and Glasgow, and in Canada McGill University have done likewise. Mr. Choate is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and has the very great distinction of being a Bencher of the Middle Temple, the highest honour that can be conferred by English lawyers on an outsider. As early as 1870, when a Committee of seventy citizens was formed in New York to break up the Tweed Ring, the public were gratified to know that the brilliant young lawyer Joseph Choate was a member of that Committee, and to him was largely due the success attending their efforts at municipal reform.

There is not time to refer to the many great legal contests in which Mr. Choate has taken part, but I am sure that every citizen of Canada who has studied the history of the Civil War in the United States must remember with deep satisfaction that when, after years of disgrace, justice was