

work that the average lawyer has would sneer at the income the lawyer is able to earn.

The lawyer never meets his clients except when they are in trouble. One side must always be beaten in every legal contest, and while humanity persists in viewing its rights from the standpoint of self-interest, neither side will ever be satisfied, and the lawyer will get the blame for everything.

All these disadvantages, I presume, exist because law is the highest and noblest of the professions. It is the lawyer who must have the greatest share in the making and administering of the law. His (I use the masculine for the present) special knowledge is necessary in framing almost every new law, or the confusion and uncertainty which unavoidably attends such work would be incredibly increased.

He is an officer of the court, is amenable to its discipline, and in return is given a monopoly of the conduct of cases coming before it. The judges are led to conclusions by his research, his knowledge of law and of legal principles. His skill in marshalling evidence, and his eloquent presentation of his client's case enables the jury to arrive at their verdict.

The judiciary and most of the court officers are selected from the ranks of the profession.

His training specially inclines and fits him for public life. He is and must ever be a potent influence, in the Legislature and out of it, in assisting to balance the scales of justice. This measuring out equal rights to all is the chief duty of the State to each citizen. And the man whose life is spent in this work can surely render no higher service to his fellows.

In Canada women number nearly fifty per cent. of the population. It might not be considered unreasonable for them to seek the exercise of some personal supervision over the weighing operations.

True, "Justitia" herself is a woman. But her servants who superintend the Scales are men, and it is just possible that with the assistance of women the measure dealt out to the female members of the State might be a little more generous, and the share of the male members softened a little with an alloy of mercy and fairplay.

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