

of formal rules, and the proposal was abandoned. For a number of years, however, lectures on professional ethics have been given to the students in attendance at the Law Schools at Osgoode Hall, by Mr. Justice Riddell, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, K.C., Mr. Edwin Bell, Secretary of the Law Society, and others. The Principal, Dr. Hoyles, and lecturers on the staff of the Law Schools also endeavour to impress on the students the broad principles of legal morality. Whether or not this was the proper conclusion at the time, Dr. Hoyles still remains of opinion that it would be a very desirable thing to have something in the way of definite principles formulated for the guidance of students of the law, without going too much into details, where the difficulties suggested by some of the opponents of a code might be likely to arise. Dr. Hoyles is of opinion that something is needed to impress upon practitioners the viewpoint of the profession which is set out by Mr. Elihu Root, in an address delivered before the American Bar Association in 1916. He speaks of the "true spirit of the profession" as being one "not of mere controversy or mere gain, of mere individual success. To the student of the law there come from all the glorious history of the profession of advocacy great traditions and ethical ideals and lofty conceptions of the honour and dignity of the profession, of courage and loyalty for the maintenance of the law and the liberty that it guards. It is to a Bar inspired by these traditions, imbued with this spirit, not commercialized, not playing a sordid game, not cunning and subtle and technical, or seeking unfair advantage—a Bar jealous of the honour of the profession and proud of its high calling for the maintenance of justice—that we must look for the effective administration of the law."

In view of the changed and changing conditions of this country, and the large number of students now admitted to practice, many of whom come from various countries whose traditions and surroundings have not been similar to those of our own and the Motherland, the time may be considered as having arrived when it is necessary to reduce to writing for the information of the members of the Bar and the guidance of our law students some of the most important general principles governing the conduct of