

more disastrous to any country than a defectively educated legal profession, combined with a low standard as to the duty such a body owes to the public and to itself. The standard in England and in this country has been, we are glad to know, up to the present time, a high one. Any step in the direction of lowering that standard would be a retrograde movement, and would result in the most serious evils. We owe it to the country, as well as to ourselves, to make every effort to check the levelling spirit which all thinking men feel to be a serious menace to good and stable government.

As we have already said, our profession suffers from want of cohesion. Our interests, in which is bound up the welfare of the public, are not properly protected, and cannot be unless the members act together as a whole. The Law School should be a factor in this direction. Its main function, no doubt, is the due maintenance of that high standard to which we have referred in all that pertains to legal education, and we are persuaded that we shall not look in vain to those who are in charge of it for the inculcation of the high principles which have hitherto been the honourable heritage of our profession. But it might, in addition to this, contribute greatly to the cultivation of a proper *esprit de corps* by partaking somewhat of the nature of a club, where the men, meeting together in a social manner, would become more one in thought, and, ceasing to be disjointed units, would become a strong and compact phalanx for the promotion of the best interests of both the profession and the public.

Various suggestions may perhaps be made in connection with the thought above expressed. We have one which, though it may seem to some to be unimportant, is really not so, and we are sure it will commend itself to the students, as well as to those in charge of them, and to the Benchers. We all realize the necessity of a *mens sana*, but some do not sufficiently appreciate the *in corpore sano*. We would suggest, to begin with, that the students should be provided with a sufficient, but not necessarily expensive, gymnasium, which they could use after lecture hours, or at other convenient times. There is ample accommodation for this on the floor above the library, and in the first floor lecture room, while the basement could, at very little expense, be fitted up with necessary bathrooms and other accommodation. The writer does not speak without some considerable experience of