

not to the abusers. He knows full well that he has been and is intrusted with the making, with the construction, and with the enforcement of the laws. He realizes that inasmuch as he has been in a hopeless minority he would not have been invested with such full powers but for good reasons—reasons which have prevailed in spite of the expressed distrust of him. To paraphrase Bancroft's words, he knows that "in the exploration of the region of liberty not a cape has been turned or a river entered, but a lawyer has led the way."

It may be that the lawyer feels a sense of sureness of himself that is not felt by the generality of men. According to Plutarch, one of the two sentences inscribed upon the Delphic oracle was "Know thyself." The lawyer knows himself. Knowing himself, he knows other men. Bearing in mind David's lament for his hasty remark that "all men are liars," he makes due allowance for the intemperate or foolish remarks of an angry or a misguided man. He knows that the one will repent his utterances, and that the other is incapable of appreciating their folly.

Another reason for the lawyer's indifference to lay criticism is that he feels that if he has earned the approbation of his brethren, he has acted well his part. There is nothing he prizes more than the esteem of his fellow lawyers, and nothing he dreads more than their contempt. He knows that if he plays the game and plays it fairly, he will win generous applause, and that if he does not he will earn and receive professional ostracism. He feels that the good opinion of his brothers more than compensates for outside flings, and that without that good opinion nothing else is worth while.

Perhaps another reason for the lawyer's tolerant attitude is that he makes due allowance for the character or motives of those who censure him.

The most vociferous critic of the lawyer is the man who is, for cause, fearful of receiving justice. As compared to any other critic, his voice is as the bray of an ass to the chirp of a cricket. It is easy to dispose of this enterprising gentleman's