

Notary Public be set aside for such special favours. It is to be hoped in making future appointments of King's Counsel the original idea of superior standing, ability and experience at the bar will again find favour, be adopted, and thereafter steadfastly adhered to.

"For generations it has been not uncommon in works of fiction and on the stage to portray the lawyer as unscrupulous, as an oppressor of the weak and those unable to help themselves, and as subordinating all considerations and all interests only to promote his selfish aims and objects. This is not my view of the character of the members of the profession to which I have the honour to belong. Some black sheep I fear there have been, are, and always will be amongst us. No profession, calling or business is entirely free from them; but because a few black sheep stray into the flock is surely no reason why the whole profession should be branded as habitually dishonest. The obvious cause of this attitude is probably the great publicity given to lawyers and their business in comparison with the general public and its occupations. The members of our profession as a whole are a hard working, not over-paid body of men, who conscientiously endeavour to do their duty to their clients, and who in performing such duties assume large responsibility, involving in many cases much anxiety, thought, labour and trouble.

"The sneering remarks of the great Dr. Johnson, who said: 'I do not care to speak ill of any man, but I believe he is an Attorney,' does not, nor does the old grave-yard joke, which asserted that there must be two people buried beneath the tombstone with the epitaph 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man,' nor the yarn about the man who was brought before the discipline committee for charging less than the fee fixed by the tariff and was acquitted upon stating that he took all the man had, and other similar rude jibes and saws, discourage us from continuing the practice of our profession fully mindful of our duty in advising those who consult us or require our advice, assisting the wronged in obtaining redress