

tary principles of fairness and honest dealing, which are vital and honourable, and can only be maintained through the high character and conduct of our members. We cannot always agree with the methods and views of our judges. It would be incorrect to say that all members of the Bench are of equal degree of merit, knowledge or ability, or that every judge is entitled to the same amount of confidence which we give to some of them, but I believe we yield to all of them that respect and regard to which their high positions entitle them. We should see that by our own conduct, we merit their continued confidence and respect, and thereby add to the reputation of the Bar in the mind of the Judiciary, by the correctness of our statements and the fairness of our arguments on the presentation of the cause of our clients.

I believe we can also aid materially in upholding the honour of our Profession by putting our position as regards our clients on an impersonal ground. If a lawyer, whether solicitor or counsel, so identifies himself with the rights and wrongs of his client, that they become more or less personal in his relations, and if he makes the case his own, he fails to appreciate his rightful attitude and imparts into his professional duties feelings and prejudices which no honest lawyer should permit. Then follows the bitterness, and perhaps vindictiveness of the client affecting the issue, and its effect on his lawyer who fails under such feelings to conduct the litigation on a proper and impersonal basis. The identification of the lawyer with his client's temper, and perhaps spite, obscures the legal mind, and the battle becomes one of personal attack and reprisal. The dignity of the Profession is lost sight of. The contest degenerates into a police court squabble, and recriminations and unfair methods take the place of that dignified state of affairs which should be maintained at all cost. The lawyer must, of course, generally trust his client, and be trusted, and should bring all his energy, industry and talent to bear in favour of the client, but he should never forget that the wrong is not against him, and that he can best serve his client's interest by being