

cates maintain the great traditions of honor left by their predecessors. No, Justice is not dead by any means. The sun of Justice shall yet shine upon all the nations. Its rays shall yet dispel all ill-will in the hearts of men and instill a warm feeling of human solidarity in the souls of the ploughmen and of the laborers, of all of us, whatever our professions or trades, that we may toil in harmony for the welfare of our homes and the greatness of our country. (Prolonged applause and cheers.)

THE PRODUCTION OF DESIRABLE LEGISLATION.

We are impressed with the value and aptness of the remarks made on this subject by Mr. Justice Hodgins at the banquet following the recent meeting of the Canadian Bar Association. We give his thoughts in his own words as follows:—

"I have only two things to say to-night—one is that the Canadian Bar Association is equipped with all that is best in our profession and is now strong enough to take up a task which is urgently needed and which is open to those who do not enter political life as well as those who do.

I mean what I may term the originating of Constructive Legislation or the constructive work which precedes legislation.

This involves the selection of some social or economic condition in our country which needs a solution or betterment, the making of it your own by real inquiry and through investigation and then either examining and readjusting the existing laws on the subject or framing them ab initio.

This has not yet been tried here, but has, in a measure, been done by the American Bar Association, and in England by Commissioners rather than by an organization such as this.

No great social or economic reform or advance can succeed