

tion are North America where the Institution of Bar Association has taken its root. The idea of the institution is not generally known elsewhere as in America and Canada, not even in England and those countries which have followed her system. This is the reason why the International Bar Association should first look to you, North American lawyers, and seek to enlist your sympathy in its cause, and this in spite of England's being the cradle of the Common Law. Through you and your co-operation, the membership should be extended to England and Ireland, later to the other British Commonwealths, having the Common Law as jurisprudence; then to Scotland and South Africa, where Common Law and the Roman Law are in process of fusion, and later, but not last, to India and the British settlements along the Asiatic coast, where the Common Law and Indian or Eastern Laws are in course of amalgamation. We should not forget European and South American countries, in which the Roman Law is the foundation of jurisprudence, and nothing should be left undone to enlist their sympathy and co-operation.

The League of Nations, formed at the conclusion of the Great War, is far from being a perfect instrument, and its authority has not been strong enough to solve many vital problems arisen as the outcome of the Great War, and no goal of ultimate peace, order, and happiness has been reached. In these days of enlightenment and information there should be no problem between nations such as originating in ignorance, misapprehension, or suspicion. Peoples are naturally prejudiced so as to be totally incapable of judging others as they really are, and are liable to judge all by the same rules as those by which they judge themselves. Such ignorance, misapprehension, or suspicion can be enlightened by the tribunal of a World Bar Association alone. Most of us are at present sound critics of the League of Nations. We like to think we know what is wrong, and how that wrong can be righted; but in all seriousness and humility, the real, practical way to adjust or minimize the failings and short-comings of the League is to have them harmonized and regulated by the common standard of inter-