

view of what should be a lawyer's character. There are so many that might well be reproduced, but let us quote the following:—"That lawyer's case is truly pitiable upon the escutcheon of whose honesty or truth rests the slightest tarnish. Let it be remembered and treasured in the heart of every student that no man can ever be a truly great lawyer who is not in every sense of the word a good man. The strictest principles of integrity and honour are the only safety of the young professional man. There is no profession in which moral character is so soon fixed as in that of the law. There is none in which it is so subjected to the severe scrutiny of the public."

In another place he gives the following excellent advice:—"The anxiety of the young lawyer is a natural one at once to get business—as much business as he can. Throwing aside his books he resorts to the many means at hand of gaining notoriety and attracting public attention, with a view to bringing clients to his office. Such a one in time never fails to learn much by his mistakes, but at a sad expense of character, feeling and conscience. He at last finds that in law, as in every branch of knowledge, a little learning is a dangerous thing. No better advice can be given to a young practitioner than to confine himself generally to his office and books, even if this should require self-denial and privation, to map out for himself a course of regular studies, more or less extended according to circumstances."

We might take a lesson from the scholars of China, who go through a training immensely more difficult and laborious than those of any other country. They commit to memory vast quantities of literature, as a matter of mind training and as a treasure store-house for future use. If the contents of Mr. Sharswood's book could be treated in this way it would be better for all concerned.