

of each case. On the criminal side it is not so easy now to escape upon some miserable technicality. It is only right and just that an accused person should know precisely what he is charged with, but that is all he has a right to in the indictment. This all means that we are to get below the surface, to regard the substance rather than the form, to seek for the real thing and not for the mere name. We are to preserve so much form as is necessary for orderly and logical arrangement, but the form is only the means—the end is the right and the truth.

And the law's proverbial delay is receiving universal attention, and will receive much more, as there is so much to be done to remedy wrong here. It was once said that the people preferred the swift injustice of the Vice-Chancellor to the tardy justice of the Chancellor. Every member of the Bar present knows that very often justice delayed is justice denied. I believe I am right in saying that even in the last five years great progress has been in this regard, and, excepting a few jurisdictions where business has increased beyond the capacity of the courts to despatch, the average delay between the institution of proceedings and trial has been considerably reduced. This has been effected by the cooperation of Bench and Bar in a sincere desire to remove the reproach that has so long been cast upon the law and its administration. The existence all over this continent of Bar associations such as this is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. Their great influence in the removal of abuses and the introduction of reforms cannot be over-estimated. In so far as I have been able to peruse their proceedings it has appeared to me that they have discussed and are discussing the questions arising in no narrow selfish spirit, merely to advance the peculiar interests of the profession, but in a broad spirit of statesmanship, to advance the interests of the people and the nation.

In a period when industrial conditions are such that important questions must continually arise touching the relations of capital and labour, of producer and consumer; when the voice of the demagogue is proclaiming class antagonism; when interests that should meet in a spirit of conciliation and work together harmoniously for the country's progress are