

administration of justice in the United States. The old spirit of cocksureness has surely gone. That was illustrated perhaps by the story of the little boy who was asked by his school teacher, "Willie, who was the first man?" "George Washington" was the reply. "Oh no, Willie; George Washington was not the first man; Adam was the first man." "Well, perhaps, if you are speaking of foreigners maybe he was."

But I can assure you with all sincerity there is great admiration on the part of the American Bar and American citizenship of British justice; and when some criminal is acquitted that the public thinks should have been convicted, very often indeed when it has taken a long period of time to secure a jury, or when something goes wrong in the administration of our justice, you hear the remark made on every hand "How much better they do it in the British Dominions. There this man would have been convicted; he would have been quickly brought to justice." Yet we must realize that each nation must be guided by its own peculiar conditions. As you know in our State of Illinois—of course this does not apply to the Federal Courts—our judiciary is elective. When I left Yale College I was firmly convinced that that was the wrong system. All our teachers had stoutly maintained that an appointive judiciary must be the best. I confess, however, speaking for ourselves alone, that I think the elective judiciary has worked rather well than otherwise. We have a certain responsibility to the people; we have produced some eminent jurists elected under that system. We have a majority of the Judges, I think I may fairly say, who give reasonable satisfaction, and only comparatively few who might be considered below par. Now, there are things that contribute to and help to bring about this situation, and one is the attitude of the Bar Association. If an elective judiciary were purely a partisan matter, as some would have it, no doubt it would stand at once condemned, but the Chicago Bar Association, and I think other Bar Associations, have been very strong on that subject. Wherever a judicial change is to take place we hold what is called a Bar primary. We send out to all the many members of that association a ticket made up of the names of those appearing on the Republican,