

it. I have been there ever since. To be quite frank, I enjoy expressing myself in print just as much as I ever did, and I cannot imagine any other walk in life in which I could have found equal gratification for my natural instincts. Some of my fellow-students who left college at the same time went into the business of making steel girders much as I did into that of making newspapers; some went into the business of making cheese; some, selling mining stocks; some, making mergers. I would have the reader kindly observe that of all these categories not one involved the slightest special obligation towards the community as compared with any other. The cheese man, the newspaper man, the steel girder man, the merger man, all went into their various branches of business with the sole purpose of making money in a congenial manner and under the sole obligation of conducting themselves honestly therein as befits a law-abiding Canadian.

Certain others of my fellow-students went into more carefully hedged vocations, into the professions, properly so called. Their case was totally different. Most of them received certain special training, not at their own expense but at that of the state or of some endowment or of some private body of citizens, such as a religious denomination. All of them received certain special privileges, such as neither the cheese man nor the merger man nor I ever dreamed of asking for, privileges which for ever prevent the cheese man and me from entering into competition with them in their chosen callings, although they themselves are free to break into the cheese business or the newspaper business to-morrow and nobody will raise a word of protest. In accepting these privileges, they naturally undertook certain obligations. The doctors undertook to hold themselves ready to save my life or that of any other human being whenever necessary, even if it required them to get up out of bed at three in the morning, and to refrain from charging me more for doing so than my life was worth. The ministers accepted the heavy responsibilities of ordination, promised to believe and