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The legal profession is fast approaching a crossing of danger well worthy of bearing this old and significant sign of warning. The Dollar fast mail train is sweeping out of its way all obstructions, and unless we pause and look and listen injury will surely come to us. May we not let this train go by and pursue on our way where the flowers bloom and the sun shines.

Our grand old profession was built upon ideals. We do not deal in profits. We deserve compensation and reward, but we give service. We are given persons and property in trust; and, unless we put with our experience, ability and qualifications high idealism, we do not measure up to our glorious heritage.

Ideals have made and are making states and nations. The lack of ideals has made and unmade states and nations. Ideals — our highest conceptions of character, thought and achievement — are at one and the same time both the cause and result of all progress.

Let us look to our ideals — lest we lose all worth having. — President Lawrence.