

derstood and have the effect desired. Much of that old education is left to scholars and men of special tastes, and if there has been replacement with another kind of general cultivation it is not with a kind that is exhibited in court-room arguments.

There may have been some modification of the ceremoniousness of the older lawyers. In the nineties of the last century, perhaps later, it was still customary for those appearing before the court to dress in long black coats and other incidents of a dress of dignity. High silk hats disappeared from the approaches of the court a little earlier. Now there is no special dress of dignity worn, but while the lawyers appear variously arrayed, orderly minds in orderly dress, some in playful dress, and a few in degrees of undress, there appears to be no great loss in the sense of the dignity and solemnity of a court of justice. Some few of the less experienced and knowing attorneys may appear unaware of the distinction between a court room and other public places, but nearly all of the members of the bar who appear at the counsel table obviously feel and are eager to maintain respect for the judicial function in which they take part. Despite all change the proceedings of this court are still dignified. This is probably due to retention, not only among professional men, but among the people of the state generally, of a strong sentiment of respect for the courts and judicature, to a degree sometimes not fully understood and believed when cited elsewhere, but unmistakably existing. Maryland is an old community, and a comparatively small one, and until late