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A YOUNG man was asked recently by a member of the board of bar examiners why he desired to enter the law. His naive reply was "It looks like easy jack to me." A man who approaches the bar in that frame of mind is not only a menace to society, but he will likely fall a prey to his own unworthy ambition. Large rewards, in terms of money, prestige, and power, have come to some members of the legal profession. Dismal failure has come to others. There is probably no other occupation where success attends in such direct proportion to character, ability, and industry. A semi-scientific study has been made of the biographies of fifty presidents of the American Bar Association with a view of ascertaining what qualities led to their success. The study resulted in a rough finding that character, industry, technical legal knowledge, and personal charm, in the descending order named, were the qualities most conducive to these specimens of American success. Let him who seeks "easy jack" avoid the legal profession.

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