

(IV) Vote of Thanks*

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Anand, Chief Accountant Mr. Anil Jain and the entire staff who worked ceaselessly for the International Conference deserve special admiration and thanks. We also owe an apology as well as thanks to all delegates who attended and participated in this prestigious Conference very well ignoring some deficiencies in the production and distribution of the Conference papers. In the end Mr. Chairman permit me to quote Justice Cardozo of the United States Supreme Court who wrote long ago in the famous work '*The Nature of Judicial Process*' and the great judge in the beautiful words opined :

Ever in the making, as law develops through the centuries, is this new faith which silently and steadily effaces our mistakes and eccentricities. I sometimes think that we worry ourselves overmuch about the enduring consequences of our errors. They may work a little confusion for a time. In the end, they will be modified or corrected or their teachings ignored.

The future takes care of such things. In the endless process of testing and retesting, there is a constant rejection of the dross, and a constant retention of whatever is pure and sound and fine.

The future, gentlemen, is yours. We have been called to do our parts in an ageless process. Long after I am dead and gone, and my little part in it is forgotten, you will be here to do your share, and to carry the torch forward. I know that the flame will burn bright while the torch is in your keeping.

Indeed, thank you very much for the patience to hear me in this Closing Session of the International Conference ever held in so many disciplines in India. Again thanks to every one for the success of the historic event.

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