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MR. JUSTICE CARDOZO

IN welcoming this opportunity of expressing the high appreciation of Benjamin Nathan Cardozo, which is I believe entertained by all judges and jurists in Great Britain who have any knowledge of legal matters in the United States, I do not propose to attempt a valuation, however brief, of his contributions to your jurisprudence. For such a task I have no qualifications; but I hope I may say without presumption that my knowledge of his works and a very slight acquaintance with the man are sufficient to enable me to express a sincere admiration for his remarkable powers, both as a judge and as a writer on legal subjects. He had, as we all know, the power to persuade, the skill to convince, and the courage to insist on his view where he thought the occasion required it.

Mr. Justice Cardozo in our view, if we may express an opinion on such a topic, has taken his place beside those great judges Kent, Marshall and Holmes as a master of the Common Law; and as a jurist whose judgments were inspired by a true philosophic outlook, it will be very difficult to find his superior.

*Maugham.*

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