

I suppose, that under this title is more ex-  
pected that I would discuss the much mooted  
question of Code or no-code. Such was not my  
purpose. I desired only to impress upon the minds  
of these younger members of the craft, the idea that  
the Common-law in its broadest distinctive sense  
is neither a system of practice nor a set of  
legal principles, but a subtle force which binds  
and flexes, and supplements all forms of law to  
adapt it to present conditions. I may be allowed to  
say, however, that after devoting some years to the  
actual work of the Codifier, I see no conflict ex-  
cept one of mere form between Code and common  
law. Indeed, I regard codification as not only a  
necessary result of continued common-law  
development, but a stimulating and enriching  
factor element of the common-law. A code, in  
fact only a nucleus around which a new and  
broader common-law grows by its application  
and construction. Codification is a principle not  
to be tested by a specific code, however. There  
are codes and codes, and one that seeks to em-  
brace and reconcile all the opinions of generations  
of common-law experts almost seems to have either