

A MESSAGE FROM JUSTICE GEORGE A. MALCOLM *

In 1910, I founded the precursor of the College of Law. Forty-five years later, Rip Van Winkle like I visited the College. The building has changed. So has the Faculty. But the students are duplicates of their distinguished predecessors, courteous, enthusiastic and understanding. I felt at home.

On closer examination, I find that certain of my ideas continue in effect. I am received by a Student Council which I originated, speak before a Convocation which I started, and look in on the *Philippinensian* staff, the Annual which I sponsored. This brief article will appear in the *Philippine Law Journal* which was launched in my time. So my life has not been in vain.

Best of all I learn that, what Professor Enrique Fernando once described as the Tradition of Excellence, remains the ideal of the College of Law. That pleases me. The College of Law should aim to remain first among the colleges of the University of the Philippines, the first in legal education among all the law schools of the Islands, and first in devotion to the Constitution and the Republic.

When this message appears in print, I will be far across the Pacific in my home in Hollywood. But my thoughts will be with all of you—with the Dean, the Faculty, the graduates and the students.

I like to quote a passage from Horace which says:

*"Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He who can call today his own;
He who, secure within, can say,
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I
have lived today!
Be fair or foul, or rain or shine;
The joys I have possessed, in spite
of fate, are mine;
Not heaven itself, upon the past
has power,
But what has been, has been, and
I have had my hour."*

Sincere best wishes for everyone, past and present, who has been associated with our College of Law.

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