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IN MEMORIAM MILO J. BOWMAN

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The Faculty of the Law School of Indiana University join the Bench and Bar of the State in an expression of homage to the memory of a great teacher and legal scholar.

Milo J. Bowman was born in 1874; graduated from Hanover College in 1896 and from the Indianapolis Law School in 1902. He practiced law in Indianapolis from 1902 until 1907, taught in the Indianapolis College of Law from 1903 until 1907, was dean of Valparaiso University Law School from 1909 to 1928, taught at Indiana University from 1928 until 1945, and at Valparaiso University in 1947. He was the author of *Manual of Elementary Law*.

The life of the man, in contrast to the simple record, was one of great distinction. Few, if any, surpassed Mr. Bowman in legal scholarship. He read very widely and he taught almost every course in the curriculum. He contributed his original thinking to his teaching and to what he read. On almost any legal problem that might be presented to him, his comments were informed, acute, and helpful.

In the classroom, Mr. Bowman was a vast reservoir of information and wisdom. To the very end of his teaching career his outlook was flexible; he welcomed new, significant books and methods of legal instruction, correcting and supplementing them with long experience and sound judgment.

Mr. Bowman was a thoroughgoing believer in democracy. He had faith in the people and was confident that if they were given a fair opportunity to know the facts,

they would arrive at sound solutions to social and political problems.

His colleagues found in him a delightful companion, gifted with a rare sense of humor and an inexhaustible store of knowledge. His students, now numbering hundreds of members of the Bar, found him a firm friend, interested in their careers and anxious to help them in any way possible.

Other legal scholars have won greater fame; few surpassed him in knowledge or wisdom. Other teachers enjoyed greater reputations; few equalled Mr. Bowman in the soundness of instruction, and none drew greater satisfaction from the work of the classroom.

He has had great influence on the Bar, and through it his scholarship and wisdom will long continue in its beneficent effects on the people of this State. By the contributions of such profound scholars, who are also sincere simple men, does the democratic way of life persevere and grow. Milo Bowman and his important contribution to Indiana will long be remembered.