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The Board of Editors dedicates this, the Fiftieth Anniversary volume of the Indiana Law Journal to the Emeritus Faculty of the Indiana University School of Law.

We dedicate this issue to Professor Emeritus Leon H. Wallace.

Dedication—Leon H. Wallace

With great pleasure, I join in the dedication of this issue of the Indiana Law Journal to Leon H. Wallace, a distinguished lawyer, a brilliant scholar, and a dedicated teacher. My admiration and respect for Leon Wallace began with my experience as a student at the Indiana University School of Law in 1946. My appreciation for his substantial and significant contributions to the life of the law school has grown steadily since that time. In his quiet way, Leon Wallace has become for his students a lasting example of what greatness really means in our profession.

Leon Wallace received his law degree from Indiana University in 1933, graduating as one of the highest ranking students in the history of the school. He practiced law in Terre Haute, Indiana, until he
joined the law faculty in 1945. During the years of his association with the law school, both as Dean and teacher, few will ever forget the great progress and national reputation achieved by the Indiana University School of Law. From 1966 until his retirement in May 1974, he held the distinguished Charles McGuffey Hepburn Professorship of Law, Indiana University’s first named chair in law.

Perhaps Leon Wallace will be best remembered in his role as concerned teacher and understanding friend. Even while discharging the burdensome responsibilities of Dean, he always found time for the worried student. The students’ problems became Leon Wallace’s concerns. Certainly his expertise in many fields of the law is remarkable, but his quiet dedication to helping solve the problems of his fellow men will remain as the real monument to his career. Reflection on his years of devoted service brings to mind an old Hindu proverb, which so aptly describes his approach to the law school community:

Help thy brother’s boat across, and
lo! thine own has reached the shore.

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