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FOREWORD

The Editor of the Journal of the Indian Law Institute requested me to write a Foreword for the first number of the Journal. Undoubtedly a new law Journal devoted to the publication of original legal materials will be welcome to all students of law. I wish it all success.

The Journal has a significant though a difficult function to perform. If we read the speeches of the very eminent persons at the inaugural function of the Indian Law Institute, it will be noticed that the two thoughts which run through them are the necessity of an Institute, which works, in the words of President Rajendra Prasad "outside the din of Courts and beyond the controversy of legislature"; and an Institute which will conduct fruitful research as our Prime Minister envisaged, so as to reconcile the two urges that face society, namely continuity and change. The problem is how to have them evenly balanced.

I am happy to notice that the Journal attempts to achieve objectivity and reflect the change in the social fabric. The very emphasis that the Journal places on problems of public law reflects the present pattern of life to which the law must mould itself. It will be realised before long that the Welfare State gives birth to giants of law and administrative law is one of them. By devoting attention to problems of public law the Journal is assisting, on the juristic plane, in the great experiment that we, in India, are making, the reorientation of society to a Socialistic pattern.

The Journal is primarily intended to be the vehicle for the transmission of the research activities of the Institute. Further, and no less important, it expects and requests contributions from the learned members of the Bench and the Bar in India and the Law Faculties of Universities throughout India. Thus, side by side with original research matter, there will be discussions of a more general compass. Friends of the Institute abroad, as this issue itself illustrates, will by their contributions enable the Journal to have a broad and international perspective.

The Journal endeavours to supply a need. And I wish it once more all success.

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