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In dedicating this the January number of the Kentucky Law Journal to the memory of our late friend and dean, Judge William T. Lafferty, the students of the College of Law are attempting in a small way to voice the feelings of respect and honor and admiration with which they were wont to regard him and to express in a small way the great loss which they felt upon his death.

It is said that the lives of great men live after them. Certainly all who have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Lafferty and who have had the privilege of sitting under him in the classroom will always feel the influence which his person-
ality and his great wisdom and sense of justice have had upon them.

But is his influence and the result of his labors to end here
in the lives of those who personally knew him or will the work
which he began be carried on to completion and be a thing of
good for ever?

In the resume which Judge Lafferty wrote of the founding
of the College of Law, he said that he was from the first deter-
dined that the University of Kentucky should have none but
the best. He sacrificed his own interests in his endeavors to
accomplish this. Practically the whole of his summers, time
which should have been given to recuperating his frail strength,
was given over to visiting other law schools, to searching out
the best and most modern methods for conducting a law school.
All these ideas he brought back and incorporated into his plans
for the College of Law of the University of Kentucky, and
limited as he has been in the means furnished him for the build-
ing up of the College of Law, his labors have been rewarded in
a very great measure. The curriculum which he has arranged, the
faculty which he has associated with himself, the library which
he has collected, and the esprit de corps of the student body
which he has fostered are evidences of this, and the equal of
any in the south today.

It used to be considered in the olden days that a great
teacher sitting upon a log with a few students squatting on the
ground around him constituted a university. But that is not
the case today. People have now come to realize that a great
deal in the way of physical equipment is also necessary, and this
is just as much true of the necessities of a college of law as it is
of an engineering or an agricultural college.

The first two years of the College of Law were spent in two
small rooms of the Educational Building; since that time it has
occupied the third floor of the Science Building, left vacant by
the College of Mining Engineering. The equipment in the first
mentioned place consisted of the blackboards and benches found
there; that of its present place is not better. There are three
class rooms no one of them large enough to accommodate the
number of students attending in them, and frequently chairs,
such as they are, have to be carried from one to the other in
order that there may be enough to seat all. The room contain-
ing the library is too small both in shelf space necessary to properly arrange the books and for files and also in space for study tables.

In the opinion of the writer, one of the greatest disappointments that came to Judge Lafferty during the fourteen years that he was Dean of the College of Law, came a year ago when the Legislature failed to appropriate sufficient funds for the use of the university so as to have made it possible for him to have carried out his final plans and to have moved the College of Law into more spacious and accommodating quarters.

What memorial would be more fitting and proper or would come nearest to fulfilling his wishes than that a building should be provided for the College of Law, called "Lafferty Hall," and that the College of Law could be enabled to become truly an integral part of the University of Kentucky?