Louis Prashker (1891-1959): A Memorial Tribute

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The passing from our midst of Professor Louis Prashker is regarded by his colleagues of St. John’s University as a tragedy which excites profound sentiments of sorrow and genuine bereavement. In fervent faith we submit to the will of God Who called him to his reward. That faith allows us to express our human emotions in a rational way, and so we mourn him who has meant so much to the administrators, the faculty, the alumni and the students of St. John’s University.

To relate what we thought of Professor Prashker would take too long, and would be totally unnecessary. Everyone would anticipate our next sentence. Everyone loved him. Everyone shared the highest regard we had for the great degree of integrity which characterized his relations with his fellowman. To say that we shall miss him is vastly understating the true condition of our hearts as we bow to the inscrutable judgment of God. But how much we shall miss him never can be estimated by our inadequate words. Only we who worked with him know the full significance of our feelings when we realize he is no longer with us. He was diligent, industrious, keen and clever. We never ceased to admire him for the total range of the outstanding qualities which he brought to his professional and social relations with those who were privileged to know him and work with him. He may have passed from our midst, but as long as those who associated with him live on earth, a great part of Professor Prashker will remain here. He was a gentleman who shared himself with others. May he rest in peace.

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The St. John's Law Review mourns the loss of one of its founders—Louis Prashker—for over thirty years Professor of Law at St. John's University School of Law.

The tributes that follow manifest the extent of the loss suffered by colleagues and members of the Bench and Bar.