

THANK YOU

by the Editor

This number completes a year of pioneering publication service in the field of local government in the Philippines. It has been a service accompanied by courage, faith, a little pride, and a purpose.

That we have accomplished something indicative of a dynamic purpose is shown by the early approval given to this magazine by the Department of the Interior, by the Department of



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now in the University of Wisconsin Graduate School as pensionado of the Republic of the Philippines on "Municipal Government Administration"

val of Bataan, Provincial Governor Perfecto Faypon of Ilocos Sur, Provincial Governor Cesar Nepomuceno and Provincial Secretary Ramon H. Villamin of Marinduque, Provincial Governor Gedeon Quijano of Misamis Occidental, and Mayor Bienvenido Marquez of Padre Burgos, Quezon Province, for their financial support of this venture. The interest manifested by all the other Provincial Governors and all the Provincial and City Treasurers in bringing home to their colleagues and personnel the impor-

Finance, by the Director of Public Schools, by the Director of Private Schools, by the Director of Public Libraries, and by more than two thousand five hundred provincial, city, and municipal officials who have responded to the urge of a publication service such as this one that, in the words of His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, "can distill practical knowledge and wisdom out of the experience of our local administrators and contribute substantially to good government and good citizenship." Thanks are due to all these authorities and officials.

We are grateful to Provincial Governor Jose U. del Gallego of Camarines Sur, Provincial Governor Emilio Na-

1—See Message of President Elpidio Quirino at page 3, Vol. 1, No. 1, L.G.R.

2—From the essay, "Study of Public Administration" by Woodrow Wilson, 2. Pol. Sci. Q. 197 (1887).

tance of this magazine in the discharge of their duties and functions has been gratifying indeed. The support that came spontaneously from nearly all municipal mayors and municipal treasurer, from a good number of Superintendents of Schools, Provincial Fiscals, City Attorneys, District Engineers, Provincial Auditors, Judges of Courts of First Instance, Municipal Judges, Justices of the Peace, District Health Officers, and Agricultural Supervisors, and from many municipal councilors, municipal secretaries, and policemen speak well of the reception met by the The Local Government Review in the different sections of the Philippines, for which we are certainly glad.

It has been an inspiration to us to have received the patronage of the Archbishop of Cebu, of several Mother Superiors, of many principals of schools and directors of colleges, of some heads of libraries, of certain Consuls of foreign countries, and of hundreds of high school and collegiate students, businessmen and private citizens. Our hats off to all. It is satisfying to know that after all there are groups in our country who watch over the public service, who study and learn the feasibility and wisdom of official doings, and who follow the development of public policy in relation to the governance of local affairs.

We are confident that the continued support and patronage of all the foregoing subscribers will encourage us "to straighten the paths of government, to make its business less unbusiness-like, to strengthen and purify its organization and to crown its duties with dutifulness."² In pursuing these ends, we will find strength in the fact that we have secured the cooperation of the American Society for Public Administration in the United States, in which we have been honored with membership, by granting us authority to reprint in the The Local Government Review articles from its Public Administration Review which may advance public management in the Philippines. We assure our reading public that we are prepared to furnish them with adequate and current information about the local governments and their administration, to assist them in foreseeing problems and planning future programs, to protect the citizens against hasty or ill-considered actions, and to guide them secure means of ensuring compliance with established policy and official duties.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

It is done, all the year could do for us.

Its mixture of shadow and sun,
Its smiles and its tears, its hopes and
its fears,

Its labors and duties, all done.
We stand face to face with the new
year,

Nor know what it hides from our
sight;

God grant that it be kind to you, and
to me ,

That it lead us in ways that are
light.

The Old and the New.