

When They Were Young

MANUEL ARAULLO

Born January 1, 1853

The four high schools in the City of Manila are all named in honor of the first four Filipino Chief Justices of the Supreme Court. Years ago there was only one high school in Manila and it was called the Manila High School. This old Manila High School is now known as Araullo High School in honor of the late Chief Justice Manuel Araullo.

Manuel Araullo was born in Balayan, Batangas, on January 1, 1853. He was such a loving and obedient boy that he became the delight and comfort of his parents. At school, too, he endeared himself to his Jesuit teachers because of his gentleness, his eagerness to learn, and his unfailing obedience.

At San Juan de Letran, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Manuel was known as a bright student, winning several prizes.

At the University of Sto. Tomas, he studied theology and law. Besides his industry and uprightness, he was noted for his punctuality and courtesy. Quiet and humble in his bearing, he was amiable and courteous to all.

During his graduation year, a literary contest was held as part of the celebration of University Day. Young Manuel won a prize with his composition carrying a Latin title which meant "Labor Conquers All Things." This maxim he adopted as a dominant principle of his life.

For many years he served the country as a judge, as a Justice of the Supreme Court, and finally as

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THE LOST FINGER

A group of boys were celebrating New Year's Eve with all the noise they could produce with bamboo musical instruments and tin cans.

"I am tired of this," Tomas

and tossed firecrackers into the passing vehicles.

"These firecrackers are for little boys only," complained Tomas. "I have a baby bomb at home which my brother made. You wait here and I'll get it."



shouted as he dumped his can into a ditch.

"What shall we do?" the rest asked at the same time.

"Let us buy some firecrackers and throw them at the speeding automobiles," Tomas suggested.

"Agreed! Come along, there is a Chinese store," and they all ran to the store.

The boys succeeded in causing children and old people to jump in fright. They hooted at passengers

In a minute Tomas was back. He had an innocent-looking ball in his hand.

"Let me have your cigarette, Juan."

Tomas applied the lighted end to the fuse of his baby bomb. He stretched his hand to throw the ball of powder, but it went off before he could throw it. When the smoke cleared, Tomas found that his forefinger had "gone off" with his bomb.

Chief Justice. In performing his duties, he showed not only ability, but honesty and courage as well. He was so faithful to duty that even illness did not prevent him from working. When old and sick, he kept on going to the Supreme Court and when he was not able to climb the stairs, two messengers

were called to carry him in a chair. When illness no longer allowed him to go to his office, he told his stenographer to go to his home to take dictation at his bedside.

Manuel Araullo's life was marked with unceasing toil. Rest came to him only when he died on July 26, 1924.