

## EDITORIAL

*Publishing a Law Journal is a much needed exercise. The absence of any other regular Maltese Literature on Maltese Law is enough in itself to emphasize the importance which such a publication should acquire.*

*I must state, however, that unfortunately, contrary to the enthusiastic views which I nursed before engaging myself in the publication of this Journal, co-operation from the members of the legal profession was more than wanting. Only a handful were ready to contribute their knowledge. It is hoped that in the future, the Law Journal will acquire the attention which I believe should be attributed to it.*

*However, one must note at the outset that the scope of a Law Journal is not merely to serve as an opportunity for the fully fledged lawyers to contribute their knowledge but also to serve as a medium for students reading Law. In this way the Law Journal too achieves most of the aims of the law Society, viz., "To act as liaison between its members and the Faculty of Law and legal professional organisations" and to "promote the study of Law in all its aspects."*

*In furtherance of its aims, the Law Society has worked incessantly and has proved itself to be not only a mere potential but also an actual strong contribution to the promotion of the study of Law especially by organising regular fortnightly lectures on a wide range of topics which directly or indirectly are of extreme interest to Law Students and Lawyers alike.*

*It is also the scope of this Law Journal to provide interesting material to persons who, though not being lawyers, are interested in the legal field. Legal education must be within everyone's reach. Knowledge of the Law is not only a duty but is a right. Unfortunately, however, this fundamental right is being seriously hampered by a disastrous halt in the publication of the Laws of Malta and the Judgements of the Maltese Courts. This is a serious and immediate problem which should be solved forthwith. The very saying that the Laws of one's own homeland are unavailable even to those who desire to know them or require to have them available for academical studies is repellable. It is hoped that this problem, though obviously known, be tackled.*

*May I finally express my warm thanks to all those who have helped us in the publication of the Law Journal and also in the other activities of the Law Society. Special mention has to be given to Professor J. Cremona LL.D., who has once again supplied us very kindly with a handsome contribution and to Professor J. M. Ganado, B.A., Ph.D.(Lond.), LL.D., whose sincere interest and constant help has been greatly admired and appreciated.*

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