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FRANK MURPHY'S extensive public service is discussed by others in this issue. I write of him as an associate, and as a friend. Our friendship began when we first met in 1936, and grew stronger with the years. No one associated with him could fail to be attracted by his human warmth and his passion for justice.

The last time I saw Frank was the day he left Washington to go to the home in Michigan he loved so much. We discussed his health. With that buoyant optimism that he always displayed, he expressed the belief that he would return to his work a strong and healthy man. He wanted to live largely because he loved public service. He loved it because his every instinct rebelled against permitting the triumph of what he conceived to be unjust or unfair. He did not merely advocate the equality of people without regard to race, color or religion; he believed it. He loved mercy. If he hated anything, it was exploitation of the weak by the strong. He had undaunted courage rooted in faith—faith in his country, faith in its historic freedoms, and faith in the God of Love he worshipped.

Many will miss Frank Murphy. I am one of them.

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