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ever can be said, that in a Congress which tends to wish to arm the national government with greater and greater powers of control in the economic and educational fields, the Local Autonomy Act and the Barrio Charter are refreshing signs. They show that Congress, when it wills, can see that the right of authority of the national government is only one right among the equally elementary rights of individuals and communities and that individuals can contribute more to their own personal development and to the well being of the community when they have a close personal interest in and are enabled to play a creative and guiding part in the social process.

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The writer begs to apologize for a number of typographical and factual errors which crept into his article, "Episcopal Succession in the Philippines," published in the last number of this review. They are:

1. On p. 437, footnote 2, "Madrid, 1925" should be "Madrid, 1935."
2. On p. 443, footnote 11, "1881" should be "1883".
3. On p. 444, the fourth line from the top, the word "Santisimo" should be deleted.
4. On p. 445, the year of the consistorial promotion of Carlos Bermúdez de Castro should be 1724 instead of 1720.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Most Rev. Mariano A. Madriaga, the scholarly Bishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, calling attention to the fact that, with reference to Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes in my chronological list, "a careless reader may take August 25, 1949, as the date he actually became Archbishop of Manila" when in fact this event took place two months later, upon the death of Archbishop O'Doherty on October 14, 1949. The observation is well taken. However, I did say in the text of my article that "after the name of each prelate I give only one date: that of his consistorial promotion" as a general rule. Since the succession of Archbishop Reyes to the see of Manila was automatic (no further consistorial action being needed) by virtue of the *same bull* of his transfer, I felt that his exceptional case was fully explained in footnote 27 wherein I said that Msgr. Reyes was "*transferred... on the date indicated [25 August 1949]... with right of succession to the archbishopric.*"

I am grateful to Msgr. Madriaga for his constructive criticism and shall bear his observations in mind in the future.

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