

THE NEW SEAL OF THE MANILA OBSERVATORY

The present bright-enameled circular seal of the Observatory located high on the northern face of the building at Loyola Heights, is the result of efforts to combine simplicity and strength of design with a clear indication of the scientific work engaged in by the institution and of the spirit that lies behind it.

The main symbols presented are the earth and the sun. Use is made of the globe, lined with its meridians on its sunlit portion. The under side lies in the night blackness, the whole hanging serenely in the blue sky. The angle of the earth and the shadowed portion was positioned to bring it in line with the location of the Philippines in its relation to the sun. The solar disc lies high along the center-line of the seal. The initials IHS are inscribed within the sun itself.

The wording is within the outer border, LUMEN DE LUMINE occupying the top semicircle and MANILA OBSERVATORY spread around the bottom. The seal is in bright colors which enhance the clean and pleasing lines of both the symbols and letters. The result is satisfying in every respect.

SCIENTIFIC INTERPRETATION

Since the Observatory is a geophysical research center, the large figure of the globe set in prominent relief, underlines this fact. Work in magnetism and seismology started very early in its history and the Observatory has recently added new instruments to aid its efforts in both fields.