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In this issue the Editors have attempted to produce a symposium that is a bit different. We think we have included a little something for everyone, regardless of his specialty.

Professor Sutherland, in his article entitled Establishment of Religion — 1968, predicts new Supreme Court decisions in the near future concerning the “establishment” clause of the Constitution and church-state relationships. He discusses at length the question of federal aid to church-connected education.

In Who Are the “People” in the Preamble to the Constitution, Professor Forkosch attempts to resolve this forever-debated question. In order to arrive at a solution, his article takes the reader through a study of many of the documents which predate the Preamble, such as the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, and the Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges.

Those who like a good mystery story, as well as the historian, will enjoy reading Professor Dowd's article Justice Story, The Supreme Court, and the Obligation of Contract. It provides a glimpse behind the scenes of the Dartmouth College case and allows the reader to follow step by step what must be considered a rather shocking breach of legal ethics by the High Court of that day.

Perhaps the most unusual of all the lead articles is that by Professor Lewis entitled The High Court: Final . . . But Fallible. Unlike the many off-the-cuff criticisms of the Supreme Court today, this article represents a complete, tightly woven attack on the High Court’s lack of craftsmanship as evidenced in many landmark decisions of the past few years. The points raised by Professor Lewis are further emphasized by the specially drawn cartoons that appear throughout the article.

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Due to various exigencies, the Editors have decided to publish four, instead of five, times this year. Issue number four of volume 19 will be published in June and will contain both a tax symposium and other articles of general interest that would otherwise have appeared in a fifth issue.