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This issue is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Carlos C. Alden, who died last summer after fifty years of service to the School. Two distinguished members of the profession have written about Dr. Alden on the following several pages, but we would like to add our own small measure of appreciation for the incalculable benefits he rendered to the School and the Review. Two years ago the *Advocate*, which is the yearbook of the Law School, was dedicated to him in the following words, which the author has graciously allowed us to reprint; we feel that they sum up at least a part of what Dr. Alden was to us:

"Dr. Carlos C. Alden this year rounds out a full half-century of service to the University of Buffalo School of Law, during which he was Dean for thirty-two years. Born in Washington, Illinois, he had moved to New York City via Bangor, Maine, when he was offered the Deanship in 1904. Since he had traveled such a circuitous route to the school, the general consensus seemed to be that he must now be made to settle down for a while; he has since become so much more than just a part of the Law School that for the past three decades any hint that Dr. Alden might consider moving away would have been fighting words to the whole school.

"It would be impossible to begin to list his honors and achievements in the field of law, for he has long been an indefatigable scholar, but two items must be mentioned. He served for thirty-three years as President of the Legal Aid Bureau, of which he was one of the founders; and, of course, the school is familiar with, and proud of, the Alden Gold Key Award, given in recognition of outstanding contribution by a law student to the field of legal publication.

"There are things which are considerably more important to a law student, however, than what the world thinks of one of his professors; most of us are concerned with what we think of him, with what we will carry away with us into our own practice. We will remember a man who loves the law, but who is keenly aware of its faults and has done an enormous amount of work to correct them; a man who never loses sight of the human factor in a field which is so largely concerned with distilled ideas rather than persons; a man who exemplifies to the highest degree the ethics and fair play he has unceasingly sought to instill in his students. No one who has heard him will ever forget that magnificent voice, insisting that the law is not a panacea but a last resort, to be employed when all other means have failed. Through his lips speak Honesty, Humor, and Dignity, and for these the "Doc" will outlive all of us.

"We have said that it is impossible to detail the honors and accomplishments of the man in this short space, but it is not impossible to render our own small measure of thanks to the Fates for having given us a share of Dr. Alden's fifty years at the School."

Having reached, although belatedly, the end of another year, we will take stock of some of its more important aspects after a brief attempt to right a

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wrong. In the last issue we turned over the note on the *Auten* case, which seems to have established New York on the side of the angels in adopting the "grouping of contacts" theory for at least some conflict of law cases, to an Old Member; the work should have been credited to Jules Gordon, Esq., currently serving as Confidential Clerk to Mr. Justice Halpern of the Appellate Division, with an assist from Dr. Arthur Lenhoff of the Faculty. We are most grateful to them both.

Turning to the task of highlighting the events of the year, we owe a debt of gratitude to several people, which we can hardly repay but which we gratefully acknowledge. Mr. Alfred L. Hetzelt, Chairman of the Committee on Cooperation with the Law School, a committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, more than justified the name of his committee; due almost entirely to his efforts and those of his committee, our list of subscribers increased by almost thirty per cent. We wish to thank the members of the Bar Association of Erie County for financing some of Mr. Hetzelt's projects, and also Prof. Albert R. Mugel, of the Faculty and of the firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann, Kelly, Swart & Augspurger, who graciously took the time to give us considerable help and encouragement in these matters.

We have seen a good year on the Review from at least two other standpoints; the revenue from advertising rose well above that of previous years, and was immediately spent on printing the longest Review that has yet been published. This would have been a far more difficult task without the able cooperation of our printer, Mr. Raymond J. O'Mara of the Buffalo Daily Law Journal, and his staff. Mrs. Marjorie Mersinger, Registrar, and Mrs. Irene Keith and Miss Patricia Loftus of the office staff of the Law School, rendered all sorts of services, from mimeographing to the speedy calculation of the average of potential candidates, all above and beyond the call of duty or even friendship.

Our two Faculty Advisors, Professors David R. Kochery and Saul A. Touster, will have reason to look back upon this Board as one of the most "difficult" in history; they met the difficulties by putting in hours of labor, in and out of Faculty meetings, much of which we recognized only long after the event. Many of these matters called for the consideration of Dean Jacob D. Hyman, who spent rather more time on Law Review problems this year than did several of the Editors.

We feel that we also did a job for the Review this year, best of all by leaving the job in far better hands than did our predecessors; we look forward to the coming volume in the firm expectation that it will easily outshine its forerunners.