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This year the BUFFALO LAW REVIEW begins publishing three issues annually, rather than two. We deemed this change desirable primarily because of the growth of recent issues to an unwieldy size. By spreading the material over three numbers we hope to enable the reader more easily to keep abreast of the REVIEW, without encountering the initial dismay which inevitably accompanies the contemplation of a two hundred page volume. It will also more evenly apportion the burden on the editors and perhaps may even provide time to do occasional class work.

The Court of Appeals section contains a review of all the decisions, except those by memoranda, of the 1953 term. We felt it better to include all of the cases rather than attempt an evaluation of the "important" ones or even an exclusion of the "unimportant" ones.

Three of last year's Recent Decisions, all in the Appellate Division, were before the Court of Appeals last term. *Shlakman v. Board of Education*, 3 BFLO. L. REV. 157, *aff'd sub nom. Daniman v. Board of Education*, 4 BFLO. L. REV. 101, held that a public school teacher is an "employee of the city" within the meaning of a local law providing for discharge for a refusal to testify before a legislative committee. The note believed this proper. In *re Wolf's Estate*, 3 BFLO. L. REV. 328, concerning the effect of estate taxes on a widow's elective share, was affirmed as the note implied it should be. 4 BFLO. L. REV. 85. However, the court failed to resolve an inconsistency pointed out by the note. In affirming *Holland v. Edwards*, 3 BFLO. L. REV. 145, the court did not find it necessary to specifically discuss the subject of the note, a widened scope of review of administrative decisions. 4 BFLO. L. REV. 35.

Although the attorney seldom gives explicit thought to his "philosophy," it necessarily plays a part in his every day professional behavior. We are sure that the lawyer will be interested in an article concerning the Natural Law's place in that philosophy, written by a graduate of the University of Buffalo Law School, Edward F. Barrett. Professor Barrett is now at Notre Dame Law School where he is editor of *Proceedings of the Natural Law Institute*.

