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The last decade has seen much attention given, in court decision and legal commentary, to the constitutional problems involved in Church-State relationships under American constitutions. Familiar is *Everson v. Board of Education* and the ensuing discussion concerning the extent to which, consistent with constitutional mandate, the State may aid in the transportation of parochial pupils. Even more familiar is the celebrated *McCullum v. Board of Education* decision with its strict requirements of complete separation of Church and State, followed only a few years later by *Zorach v. Clauston* in which the Supreme Court of the United States retreated from the extreme position of *McCullum*. Something of a wall of separation remains, yet it may be scaled, so to speak, in circumstances where truly important public interests outweigh the seriousness of threatened invasions of individual and group religious interests.

Under the governmental and social structure of this country, there exist many other problems of Church-State relationship. Although in the present state of American constitutional doctrine these problems do not raise constitutional issues, they do present legal issues which are at once difficult, interesting, and important to both Church and State. Thus there are nice questions concerning the appropriate extent to which the State should regulate the creation and termination of various types of religious bodies and the extent to which the State should concern itself with the internal management, operation, and control of active religious organizations. Despite the known existence of these and analogous problems of a legal nature, concentration of attention upon the constitutional aspects of Church-State relations has appeared to leave relatively unconsidered these perhaps less spectacular but at the same time equally significant problems. Sensing the need for a comprehensive consideration of such questions, this Symposium was organized with the active planning assistance of several attorneys conversant with the issues involved. The *Journal* is indebted to the contributors whose articles, both separately and together, provide an effective insight into a relatively unexplored area of the law.

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