

fusing to find all recent controversies side-stepped and a section on Italian Corporatism included as belonging quite naturally. Anyway, it might be a good thing if the word 'corporative' were abandoned altogether. It is too much like corporate and co-operative.

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REVIEW OF PERIODICALS

'Survival for a hundred years is sufficiently remarkable, but to flourish at the end of a hundred years as you do is a great achievement.' So writes the Archbishop of Birmingham on the occasion of the centenary of *The Tablet*, and His Grace's words will be widely echoed. *The Tablet* is, indeed, anything but senile at the close of its first century, and under its present editorship it has become one of the most vigorous, well-informed and thoughtful of the few remaining weekly reviews in this country, with which, in shedding the religious sectarianism which long characterised it, it has entered into serious competition. Never an exclusively 'sacristy' journal, it is now less so than ever. Its political attitudes and opinions, on the other hand, are unblushingly partisan, and it may be questioned whether they always represent the views of more than an able and influential minority of English Catholics. But as such, and because of the sincerity and persuasiveness with which they are usually set forward, they deserve consideration and respect even where they cannot command assent; and even their opponents may rejoice that in one of the very few organs of intelligent Rightist opinion they should be leavened with a firmly Catholic outlook. We wish *The Tablet* a long life under its present administration. The centenary issue is a gala one, full of good things from the pens of many of the most distinguished of contemporary English Catholic writers.

The April *Purpose* was a valuable 'Land' number, with important articles on 'The Soil,' 'Land Ownership' (by Dick Stokes, M.P.), 'Agricultural Possibilities and Prospects,' and 'The Village.' It also includes a characteristic and suggestive article by Middleton Murry on 'Imagination and Education'; particularly welcome is his warning, in connection with the recent *Times* correspondence, that 'the endeavour to enforce the perfunctory performance now called religious education would merely make society more deliberately atheistic than it is.'

Maritain has contributed to *The Commonweal* a noteworthy series on 'Europe and the Federal Idea,' maintaining, *inter*

alia, that 'a federal Europe is inconceivable without a federal Germany, and a federal Germany impossible without a federal Europe.'

The posthumous papers of Dom Virgil Michel still continue to appear in astonishing abundance. His 'The Bourgeois Spirit and the Christian Renewal' in *Orate Fratres*, and 'The Corporative Order' in *Social Action*, are both of interest. He is careful to distinguish his conception of the latter from that of totalitarianism, but fails, like so many before him, to explain how there is to be a 'natural bond' of 'common interest in the enterprise' except on a basis of common ownership and control.

Waldemar Gurian's *Review of Politics* maintains its high standard. The current number includes A. and M. Bromage on 'The Irish Constitution,' Goetz Briefs on 'Democracy' (a particularly valuable and thorough analysis), J. B. Mason on 'Nazi Concepts of History,' Yves Simon on 'Work and Wealth,' and C. J. Friedrich on 'The Greek Political Heritage and Totalitarianism.'

The May number of *La Vie Spirituelle* is entirely devoted to theological, historical, devotional and liturgical articles on the Mass.

In the April *Schweizerische Rundschau* will be found a valuable critical study of Dacqué's 'Das verlorene Paradies,' which will be of interest to all to whom new and disturbing vistas have been opened by Jung's discoveries and theories regarding the origin of myth and the implication for religion of the manifestations of the collective unconscious.

Attention should also be drawn to 'A Time for Action' by the Bishop of Lancaster in *The Clergy Review*; 'Neutralité' by J.-T. Delos, O.P., in *La Vie Intellectuelle*; 'John Norris: A Seventeenth Century English Thomist' by John K. Ryan in *The New Scholasticism*; 'A Theory of Usury' by C. J. Woollen in *The Downside Review*; and 'Platonism and Piety' by J. D. Crichton in *Eastern Churches Quarterly*.

Finally, to the profound, though lucid, Supplement to the May 1st issue of *The Christian News-Letter*. Asking 'What difference does Christianity make?' the writer, Professor H. A. Hodges, gives some unusually illuminating advice and warnings to Christians in their present perplexities, showing where-in they should and wherein they should not differ from the unbeliever, and what they should and what they should not look for in their faith.