

at the same time conceived in a form compatible with the nobility of human nature. Inevitably this ideal was not achieved every time, but there was a notable absence of the bizarre and meretricious brilliance that typified so much to be seen at 'Britain Can Make It' two years ago.

Ultimately it is not so much the individual articles that remain in one's mind—although, of course, there are such instances as Ethel Mairet's hand-woven fabrics, a Duncan Grant plate, Susie Cooper's coffee set or Sir Francis Meynell's volumes of Shakespeare, to name a few—as a general impression of an excellent knowledge of design and exquisite craftsmanship. Besides these qualities the actual making of some of the exhibits was explained in a palatable and instructive manner which should have added to the general appeal. It is regrettable that it did not receive greater publicity.

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of BLACKFRIARS.

Sir,—I have just read the article 'Lutherans, please refute!' in the August number of BLACKFRIARS.

I have no quarrel with the conclusions drawn by your contributor. But I am a little alarmed at the possible reply 'tu quoque'.

To many of us who, although outside the Roman Communion, look rather wistfully over the Vatican wall, it is a difficulty that predominantly Catholic countries have given support, even violent support, to Fascism. What is the subtle difference between Fascism in Italy and Spain and Nazism in Germany?

Would it not be possible, just as Miller traces Nazism to Lutheranism, to associate Catholicism with Fascism? In common parlance it seems to me that Mr Miller has 'put his chin out' and somebody will hit it.

Perhaps a future number of BLACKFRIARS would deal with the problem and deal with it not from the angle of Catholic periodicals, which can remain nameless (after all if priests, religious, Anglican clergymen, etc., ask to be bumped off by making a stand on doubtful principles we cannot scream if our request is answered), but from a real religious and philosophical angle.

Yours, etc., WM. H. BIRCH.

[These questions were partly considered in the BLACKFRIARS of ten to twelve years ago. But evidently there is still much ground to be covered. We hope to be able to take up this challenge in the coming year.—EDITOR.]