

A remarkable statement on p. 163 indicates the difficulties under which the writer has worked. 'The Trinity of God's self-revelation is no impersonal system of relations between hypostases in an essence; it is the living, loving communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit into which we are adopted into Christ. Neither in St. Augustine nor in St. Thomas can their logical apparatus conceal the fact that this is the living reality in which they believe.' For the Thomist, an impersonal system of hypostatic relations is a contradiction in terms. Such a system, as St. Thomas shows, must be personal, and for many of those who 'try to think honestly in terms of the thought of to-day' one of the chief glories and beauties of St. Thomas's treatise on the Trinity is just that demonstration of the oneness of substantial being, relationship and personality in God.

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The Editor regrets that many reviews are held over for lack of space, and particularly a review-article of Eric Mascall's 'He Who Is,' on the subject of Analogy, which was to have been fittingly included in the present number.

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