

of whom there are quite a number, are varied and different and well drawn.

Athens with its museums and ruins, its quaint little streets and shops, comes alive under the author's pen.

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PERIODICALS

The deeper implications of evacuation are the subject of thoughtful articles by Denis Gwynn in *The Clergy Review* and by the Rev. Gilbert Shaw (of Poplar) in *Christendom*. Mr. Gwynn sees in the event a challenge and an opportunity for English Catholicism of as great moment as the Irish Immigration; Mr. Shaw sees in it the preliminary stage to a social revolution of the first magnitude which holds immense possibilities both for good and for evil. Both articles should serve to offset the facile idea current in some quarters that evacuation is a 'leftist plot to divide families and debauch children'—as *The Cross and the Plough* ironically describes it. 'Failed' as evacuation is alleged to have done in its immediate purpose, it is still true, as Mr. Shaw concludes, that 'there can be no return to 1938 . . . The future is pregnant with possibilities. The one thing that is certain is that if the situation is allowed to drift, however good the intentions of those who would muddle through, the end can only be the hastening of the break-up of society.'

The Editorial in *Christendom* opens with an obvious but pertinent and qualified repudiation of the 'united nation' protestations, whose very frequency are perhaps their own repudiation. The point is illustrated by a lengthy critique of one of the Editor's own more emphatically 'non-conformist' contributors. The debate is interesting and, we hope, will continue. Mr. Mackinnon, in drawing attention to the importance of Drucker's 'End of Economic Man,' insists that there is 'no way back from Hitler.'

The 'non-conformist' case is pleaded with vigour under the heading 'To War or not to War?' by Thomas F. Doyle in *The Catholic World*, whose Editor extends his campaign for American neutrality with a vigorous offensive on Chamberlain, Halifax, Churchill, Duff Cooper, and H.M. the King.

'Guerre ou Révolution' is the title of a slight but shrewd article by Joseph Folliet in *La Chronique Sociale de France*. That the present conflict has more of the character of a radical international revolution than of a war in the accepted sense is

also the theme of strong editorials in the *American Examiner* and in the English *Purpose*, and also of the noteworthy series of articles, 'England in the World's Revolt,' which has been appearing over the signature of 'Gens' in *The New English Weekly*.

Lawrence Dennis's 'The Economic Necessity of Religion,' Hoffman Nickerson's 'The Objects of Air Warfare,' Werner Sombart's 'Weltanschauung, Science and Economics,' and Ross Hoffman's 'Politics and Culture,' all in the current *Examiner*, also command attention.

Magnificat, the enterprising little Liturgical Quarterly published from 64 Crocketts Road, Birmingham, includes an excellent letter under the caption 'Liturgy for the Unlettered,' which shows how the Roman liturgy can and should form our attitude towards the war. In the same number Fr. J. D. Crichton writes instructively on St. Albert the Great.

Theologians will find much sanity and wisdom in Canon Smith's 'Method in Mariology' in the December *Clergy Review*. The Anglican *Theology* includes an encouraging survey of the Return to Dogma in Anglican theology and its significance for the future, from the pen of the Rev. E. L. Mascall; the endeavour of Mr. Daniel Jenkins to elucidate Barth will also be read with interest, even though it may be necessary to dissent from his criticisms of Demant's *Religious Prospect* and from his highly exaggerated idea of the Catholic Church's opinion of herself.

Philosophers and lawyers alike will be interested in the November number of *The Modern Schoolman*, which consists of 'A Symposium on the Philosophy of Civil Law.'

PENGUIN.

BOOKS RECEIVED

- BRITISH AUTHORS' PRESS: *The British Annual of Literature*, Vol. II (5s.).
- EDITIONS SPES: *Le Renouveau Marial dans la Littérature Française depuis Chateaubriand jusqu'à nos Jours*, Soeur Paul-Emile (18 frs.).
- FABER AND FABER: *Orion Marches*, Michael Roberts (5s.).
- LONGMANS: *The Four First Things*, R. H. J. Steuart, S.J. (3s. 6d.); *A War-time Prayer Book*, Comp. and Ed. Robert Hugh Benson (New Edition), Preface, C. C. Martindale, S.J. (2s. 6d.).
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS: *Our Knowledge of God*, John Baillie, D.Litt., D.D. (8s. 6d.).
- SHEED AND WARD: *Sanctity*, A Play, Violet Clifton (3s. 6d.).