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large extent conducted in the scholastic method, i.e. by means of formal disputations, but that was all. And the phrase "Scholastic Exercises" in the quotation from Maitland surely means no more than this.

As Sir William Holdsworth says in his *History of English Law* the authority on legal education at the Inns of Court is Fortescue, *De Laudibus Legum Angliae*. In Chapter 49 of that work Fortescue gives us some details. I quote from an eighteenth century translation:

There is both in the Inns of Court and the Inns of Chancery a sort of Academy or Gymnasium fit for persons of their station; where they learn singing, and all kinds of Music, Dancing and such other Accomplishments and Diversions (which are called Revels) as are suitable to their Quality, and such as are usually practised at Court. At other times out of Term the greater Part apply themselves to the Study of the Law. Upon Festival Day and after the Offices of the Church are over, they employ themselves in the Study of sacred and prophane History."

In all this there is not a word about studies in philosophy, and surely Fortescue would have mentioned such an important subject if there had been. Besides, the students had too much to do in the way of legal exercises—moots, disputations, boltings—to spare time for lectures on Aristotle. Nor does Sir William Holdsworth include the subject in his description of the curriculum.

It seems to me that Mr. O'Sullivan tries to prove too much and to push Maitland's words beyond what they are intended to bear. Yours, etc.,

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## FAIRNESS THROUGH LOGIC

*To the Editor of BLACKFRIARS*

SIR,—In answer to your request for information I can do better than offer a mere text-book on apologetics: I can offer the Pope's own recent words: "But tear the very idea of God from the hearts of men, and they are *necessarily* urged by their passions to the most atrocious barbarity" (*Divini Redemptoris*, Sect. 21; italics my own).

In regard to the Spanish question generally may I appeal to the Master-General himself as strong support for our attitude. No doubt you went to press too early to be able to refer to his letter. Yours, etc.,

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["Penguin" writes: "While the Master-General's Letter sternly condemns the anti-religious atrocities and stresses that religious issues have in fact become staked in the Spanish conflict, I am unable to find therein any *approval of the war*, still less any condemnation of Catholics generally who decline to involve themselves in it. Indeed, the Master-General's assertion that "Each time that Catholics in history have preferred force to persuasion, religion has marked a set-back" (*Tablet*, 2.1.37) hardly encourages such an attitude.]