

and dignity and responsibilities intact; but this does not prevent them from being parts of a temporal unity. . . .’ As Chesterton facetiously tells us, fifty men do not constitute a centipede: but fifty men can be more than fifty men; they may, for instance, be a monastery, a community, that is to say, functioning organically.

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Though the man and poet presented here is interesting, the manner of presentation is hardly satisfactory. The Introduction is not solid enough to bear the preceding weight of an Author’s Note plus Foreword plus Preface, and the metrical form of the translations is rather weak and unconvincing—too smooth and regular in the longer lines, too restless and jerky in the shorter ones.

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