

EDITORIAL

THE DILEMMA for Christianity posed by a secularized society is either to communicate with the world on its own terms and risk the contamination of materialism and activism, or to maintain fervor and purity of doctrine at the expense of the apostolic mandate of Christ. In this issue, we investigate just such a problem in an interview with the distinguished English author, Fr. Gerald Vann, O.P., whose observations on "The Impact of Christian Culture" touch very practically many difficulties separating Church and society today. Another examination of means to achieve Christian wholeness and therefore, as Fr. Vann might say, "humanness," is presented in E. M. Standing's article, "Montessori and Rational Psychology." Finally, in this same vein, we publish a lengthy review of Christopher Dawson's recent work, *The Crisis of Western Education*.

There is a certain necessity for each Christian to work out a resolution to the conflicts raised in a secularized world, a world in which the normal standard of values not merely 'tolerates,' but even disdains moral and religious values. The Christian vocation involves more than the ritual exercise of religion; it demands as well activity consistent with the life of a Christian, whose Life is Christ—activity within the world in thought, in industry, in government, in education and philosophy.

In this latter area, we are pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate the *Albertus Magnus Lyceum* on the tenth anniversary of its founding for its pioneer work in unifying the vast achievements of modern science within the framework of a sane, Christian philosophy. The *Lyceum* joins with *The Thomist Press*—another pioneer in the meeting of minds in a secular world—to publish a volume dealing with these very problems entitled *The Dignity of Science*. We greet this volume, which includes contributions from many of the outstanding philosophers in America, as a fitting tribute to years of fruitful work and as a valuable contribution to Christian scholarship.