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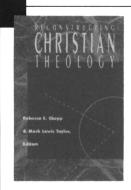
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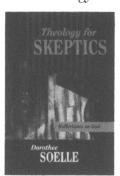
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Since last year was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Thomas Merton's death, the Merton industry was working overtime. Some of the products made their way to *Horizons*, and two of the best appear among this issue's articles. Anne Carr deals with Merton's relationship to the East, and Robert Doud considers emptiness in Merton's late poetry.

Personal and spiritual themes then continue throughout the section in various ways. Ellen Leonard presents her reflection on "Friedrich von Hügel's Spirituality of Empowerment." Stephen Pope analyzes the relationship between almsgiving and the preferential option in "Christian Love for the Poor." And Richard Bayer examines "Christian Personalism and Democratic Capitalism."

The Review Symposium brings us back to Merton as George Kilcourse converses with Douglas Burton-Christie, Anthony T. Padovano, and Christine Bochen about his *Ace of Freedoms: Thomas Merton's Christ*. As usual, the issue ends with critical reflections on new books; thirty-three this time.

---Walter E. Conn