

responsibility lies heavy on those, clergy and laity, who in Ireland are concerned with building a society that serves God and serves the just rights of men.

The purpose of this issue of *BLACKFRIARS*, written as it is by Irishmen, is to assist, however modestly, the work of interpretation. It may do something to inform Englishmen of what Ireland's life may mean today; and all who are debtors to Ireland's fidelity, and to the roots of her culture, may in turn ask that Ireland should see her problems as not merely her own. The giving-and-taking that is the mark of civilised life demands a tolerance and generosity of judgment that are the natural virtues which charity exists to perfect. Within the citadel of the Faith, no problem, however local it may seem, is ever without its effect on all alike whose home is there.

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