

THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE of Parish Councils was held in London last October, and the report of its proceedings is a reminder of the value of local loyalties in national life.

DIE NEUE ORDNUNG, in its latest number, has a valuable article by P. Mannes Koster, O.P., on 'Symbol and Sacrament' and an appeal for 'Christian Sociology as a theological discipline' by Werner Schöllgen.

FRANKFURTER HEFTE (January) includes Professor Arnold Toynbee among its contributors, and draws apprehensive conclusions in an editorial comment on the centenary of 1848.

THE REGISTER, continuing in monthly form the work of the *Weekly Review* (21 Essex Street, W.C.2, 30s. per annum), has on its cover the device: 'The Freedom, the Greatness and the Welfare of England must be restored'. The first number has articles on 'The Landowner's Point of View' and 'Property and Personality', and the Health Act is carefully analysed from the standpoint of individual liberty.

CAHIERS DU DROIT (March) is devoted to 'Charity in the Social Order'.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I am home on leave for a short time during my year's work in Berlin with the Friends' Relief Service. Just before I left Germany I got to know a Dominican Tertiary who has lost everything and is in great need. She asked me if while I was in England I could get her a missal and a Dominican Breviary. I am wondering if anyone could provide her with these. If so, her address is:

Fräulein Katherina Laessig, Berlin-Charlottenburg, Königsburg 52<sup>um</sup>. I should like to ask too if there is any means by which help could be sent to a Catholic priest in Dresden whom I got to know while he was in Berlin a short time ago. The number of people in his care is three times as great as before the war because of the influx of refugees. They are attached to seven different centres in the Dresden area. Apart from a woman secretary, he has been struggling alone with this task and now she is seriously ill with T.B.

Everyone is in desperate need of food and clothes. From my own experience of work in Berlin I know something of what that means and conditions are infinitely worse in the Russian Zone.

When Dr Baum told me about his people's needs he seemed to be suffering from an overwhelming sense of being alone in the struggle and I felt that if help could come from outside it would mean a deep spiritual strengthening for both priest and people, more important even than the material relief.

Parcels could be sent direct to: Herr Dr Ludwig Baum, Dresden A 46, Meusslitzer str. 108, at the usual postal rates (max. 7lbs. food, 22lbs. clothes).—Yours, MARY JEWELL (Friends' Relief Service).