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eternal verities of the Faith, a more comprehensive knowledge of its implications in their lives, and a well defined purpose of in some manner carrying its message to the world at large, animates this group of Catholic lay people.

The Dominican Fathers make no claim for the originality of their evening school. In point of time both St. Charles Seminary College, Columbus, Ohio, and the Dominican Sisters conducting Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, have precedence. However, it is believed that the sacerdotal nature of its faculty, the absence of all enrolment distinctions and the complete neighbourhood locale realized by its High School setting, gives the Fenwick plan a uniqueness that has not yet been duplicated in this country.

The American Dominicans in taking up this sector of the far-flung Catholic Action battle front are carrying out the best traditions of their Order. They interpret literally the mind of their saintly Father who made the quest of Truth through prayer, meditation and constant study, and its dissemination through preaching and teaching, the primary ends of his institute.

Yours faithfully,

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REUNION

To the Editor of BLACKFRIARS

SIR,—While Fr. St. John's articles on Reunion are not without interest, I feel bound to say that I, a mere layman, find it difficult to see the advantage to be gained by any 'reunion' movement. If the Archbishop of Canterbury came over to the Catholic Church to-morrow, I confess I should have more respect for the man who protested against following him blindly than for the crowd who might be expected to accompany him through sentiment perhaps rather than conviction. But if someone were able subsequently to help the protester into the Church, that would be to my mind a really valuable piece of reunion. Many non-Catholics, I fear, imagine that the Church will eventually be prepared to give way on some questions of principle, and when they learn that all the 'giving way' has to be done by themselves they lose interest in reunion. The one way in which the Church can make it less difficult for Protestants to re-unite with Her is, as you yourself have pointed out, to insist upon a more charitable spirit in their regard. But we must not

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endanger Truth in the name of Charity, and the Reunion Movement may lose us more than we gain. Quite a number of Belgian Catholics (I have been living for some time in Belgium) imagine, owing to the Malines Conversations, that the English Protestant Church is already somehow officially recognized. I know one Catholic who is such a keen 'Reunionist' that he attended 'Mass' at the High Church in Brussels last Easter Sunday. A business man once gave up a prosperous little retail establishment in order to start a wholesale trade. But there was something wrong with his wholesale business methods, and, having lost almost everything, he began again to get together his retail customers one by one. *Verb. Sap.*

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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