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NE.' This issue contains two more articles whose general title is followed by this rather bleak figure: four altogether in the last three issues. Is the editor over-optimistic in starting so many new series? He hopes not: indeed, he plans further series to follow. Each article is, of course, self-contained; it is hardly necessary, in a review of this kind, to keep the appetite of readers whetted by breaking off at the most exciting point with the rubric 'to be continued in our next'. But this method should provide continuity between different numbers, with the recurrence of themes at intervals of, roughly, three months. Not that special numbers on a single theme will not occur from time to time: the April number, for example, is to contain articles on St Catherine of Sienna, to mark the fivehundredth anniversary of her canonization. But such occasions are necessarily rare: the unity sought for must be of a more serial kind. At the moment series on theology, scripture, religious life and the lives of holy men and women (not necessarily canonized) have been begun; later we hope to have something on liturgy, the Fathers, and moral theology. Readers will have noticed already The Spirit in the World, on the work of secular institutes, and Our Lady in Scripture: this month Fr McCabe begins a series of articles on the Church, and Fr Webb writes about people whose personality and teaching were in close relationship with the 'holy place' that dominated their life. Jugglers entertain us by the quantity of oranges they can keep simultaneously in the air: the editor hopes for continued sympathy and support in his effort to let nothing drop.