

A SYMPOSIUM ON ROSMINI*

The Symposium took place in Rome on the bicentenary from Rosmini's birth. The scientific committee was established for the organization of the historical part of the symposium; this committee determined the elements of the Rosmini's diplomatic mission to Rome in 1848 and designed a guide plan for the numerous brilliant scholars who participated in the symposium: they had been invited to clarify Rosmini's motivation and responsibility within the process of formation a new political, ethical and religious awareness of the minds in Italy.

Rosmini's project was to reform the clergy and the relations between politics and Church; he renewed (1829) the contact with the Accademia di Religione Cattolica (1799-1846), where Holy Writ was in agreement with natural philosophy and science against mechanism and materialism. Möhler, Newman and Rosmini came to the same results through different ways.

Rosmini's peace of mind, the harmony of his spirit and his farsightedness contributed to establishing the conditions of a new European culture and mentality in the years 1848-49. We can find the references to the open political catholicism in Rosmini's *Mission in Rome*. A. Rosmini had been influenced by the prospects of a diplomatic relation between Italy, Austria and Bavaria. Rosmini's work was condemned, but the erroneous principles of his enemies were reconsidered by the careful study of Rosmini's philosophy and by well-matured thought. Manzoni, Rosmini, Gioberti, Balbo were on familiar terms with German literature and politics.

The triumph of the Rosminianism against skepticism is essential to the permanent welfare of the society, dazzled by the utopia of the political nihilism in 20th century.

Rosmini's *idea of being* is considered as the fundamental term of the investigation of the universe. Today philosophers must reduce the analytical tools/notions to an ontological priority.

Through the collection of the *Proceedings'* excellent papers our knowledge of Rosmini's thought and activity in the field of religious history and history of ideas becomes extremely widened.

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