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The Industrial Relations Review

The Industrial Relations Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Laval is proud to present its readers with a new revived form of the Bulletin. This new organ is the Industrial Relations Review.

Why such a change in the production of the Review? First of all, for more space, thus allowing for the publication of more detailed articles on subjects which are of interest to our readers. The two sections of the Bulletin contained twenty-four pages of text; the Review includes sixty. It is consequently much easier for our contributors to present a subject in a better fashion, to develop it scientifically, and to expose their conclusions in a more critical manner.

The Review appears quarterly, whereas the Bulletin was a monthly publication. Thus, the editors will be able to pay more attention to the composition of the Review. We call to mind the fact that the monthly publication of the Bulletin constituted an ever increasing burden for our contributors, already occupied elsewhere, since all voluntarily assist in the task of editing. The quarterly publication, even though the annual volume remains the same, permits of a more equalized distribution of work.

The size will be more convenient for those among our readers who honor us by keeping the series in library-form, the four editions of sixty pages each (including the text in English) forming an attractive annual volume of two hundred and forty pages.

The Review is still bilingual. It is imbued with a spirit both Christian and French, in the likeness of Laval University, of whom it is the humble and devoted associate. We believe, however, that its recognition is facilitated through the English version which we shall try to improve. Already, nearly one half of our readers are English-speaking. Moreover, exchanges with Canadian and American universities introduce the Review to groups which would otherwise remain unknown if the text were exclusively in French.

We take this occasion to thank our contributors for their five years with us. In fifty issues, comprising six hundred pages of French and English text, they have treated the majority of problems relating to sociology, economics, law, and labour relations which are of interest to our people. We do not pretend that the Bulletin made all of our dreams come true, but it will be admitted that it has been a useful and stable document faithfully portraying social Christian doctrine, without failing to recognize the need for practical studies of our milieu.

We also thank our readers, whose interest and number we would like to see increase. Needless to say, we shall gladly receive from them any suggestions they might find appropriate for the improvement of our publication.

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to those who were so kind as to substantially assist our undertaking through advertising; we wish them profits a hundredfold.

One last word: it is our desire that this humble Review continues to valiantly carry out the purpose assigned to it of setting forth and propagating christian principles in seeking out the answers to the intricate problems of economic and social life in our native Canada.

THE DIRECTOR