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Sir Thomas More is one of the greatest figures in English history and it has long been felt that it is a reproach that no worthy memorial has ever been erected to commemorate his great achievements. His memory is venerated for the outstanding qualities he displayed whether as statesman, as judge, as writer or, above all, as a man who chose to go to his death in defense of his faith.

It is now proposed to rectify this state of affairs. A Committee in England, under the Presidency of Earl Cadogan, has been formed to raise at least £10,000 to erect a statue to his likeness—preferably full size and in bronze—adjoining Chelsea Old Church, where he so often attended, on a site reserved for this purpose by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. A subcommittee has been formed, which will seek the advice of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, in order to determine the best method of achieving such aim. This may well be by some form of competition and the scope of the project must finally depend on the money subscribed. Substantial support for the project has been received and it has been commended by both the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Since St. Thomas More is the patron of the Catholic lawyer, it is fitting that this appeal be brought to the attention of our readers. On the immediately following pages, Father Tinnelly, the original editor of *The Catholic Lawyer*, indicates his approval of the undertaking and proposes that the project be given international support. Readers who are interested in contributing to the appeal should make their check or money order payable to The Sir Thomas More Commemorative Statue Appeal, and mail it directly to its treasurer, R. H. Mainwaring, Esq., Westminster Bank Ltd., 224 Kings Road, Chelsea, London, S.W. 3.

Elsewhere in this issue Father George M. Regan, C.M., presents the first of several articles by him dealing with natural law in modern society. It is Father Regan's position that more attention must be devoted today by specialists in natural law doctrine to its theoretical exposition and accurate application. Unless this is done, attitudes based on distorted conceptions of natural law morality will continue to foster moral legalism and erroneous juridicism.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Tinnelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

EDITOR