

being brought to bear on the subject. This is where error will be shown up and the need to change a law become apparent. Once again I do not imply that ages of tried legislation may be overthrown on some wayward impulse. Objections to law must be tried publicly, eventually in the court of Parliament. Yet it still remains true that it is tested on the moral pulses of the subject. In the last resort a moral decision must be his. Conscience, I maintain, is the ultimate touchstone. Conscience comes before law.

NOTICE

Enthusiasts of the medieval disputation will be interested to learn that another is to take place at the Aquinas Centre, St Dominic's Priory, London N.W.5, on Friday, February 13, at 7.45 p.m., and is being broadcast on the Third Programme of the B.B.C. The subject is 'Religion and Morality', and those taking part are Fathers Ian Hislop, O.P., Columba Ryan, O.P., and Thomas Gilby, O.P. This has been given the intriguing sub-title of a 'triangle disputation', and really forms a cluster of three disputations. Two of the team will, in turn, dispute the contrasting theses, 'Morals can do without Religion' and 'Religion can do without Morals'. Finally the third member of the team, who so far has taken no part in the debate, will attempt to defend a position synthesising, in his view, all the positive points made by the other two in the course of their discussion, and meet their objections.