INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC BOOKLORE. By Stephen J. Brown,
   S.J. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; 5/-.)

Fr. Brown has long been employed in the compilation of
Catholic bibliographies, and the value of his work is already
recognized. In the present volume there is again much detailed
information, the scope of which is happily comprehensive. It
gives fresh testimony to the patient industry of the compiler,

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THE POLITICS OF INDUSTRIALISM

TO THE EDITOR OF 'BLACKFRIARS.'

SIR,—The main contention in Mr. Eric Gill's brilliant article
on the Politics of Industrialism seems to be that Industry de-
stroys men's individual responsibility for their work and that
therefore in an Industrial State the Church must retire to the
Catacombs, since She can only deal with fully responsible men.

But Mr. Gill seems thus to be narrowing down Industrialism
to one of its processes only—the production of goods by
machines partially controlled by men. This process is inter-
mediate between the fully responsible tasks of the production of
raw materials and the distribution of finished goods. The miner
and the mariner are responsible in full, even if they control
machines. And within the narrow limits which Mr. Gill en-
visages men will soon cease to occupy positions subordinate to
machines, for as these become more competent and completely
automatic design, organization and control will be the human
tasks — tasks of great responsibility.

The great workman naturally desires a race of hand-workers.
But the Church insists upon Man's responsibility for his Soul,
and that responsibility will remain even in a world running
mainly on machines—less happy though that might be than a
world of small-holders and hand-weavers. The Politics of In-
dustrialism will not be so vital as the Politics of Leisure. The
Church foresees the Future and does not abandon the Present.
She cannot descend to the Catacombs until the last engine-driver
leaves the last engine. If She did so, how would She be
Catholic?

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