always at any time, night or day, have the very best of all good company.

'Only the Trinity can fill
The vast three-cornered heart of man'.

But they will come and . . . make their abode with us. . . .

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, LIFE OF THE SPIRIT.

Sir,—In your April issue, which by the way I have enjoyed very much, there is an article to a part of which I would like to take exception. In the conclusion of 'The Divine Office for the Laity', by an Augustinian Tertiary, he comments on the language difficulty. There are many of us who have not the time or the ability to get sufficient knowledge of Latin; surely such as we should not be debarred from active participation in the Divine Office.

When we consider that clerics and religious are deputed by the Church to recite the Office in the name of the Church *and in Latin,* if we laity recite it in English do we not associate ourselves with them in reciting the official prayer of the Church as members of the Mystical Body? I agree that the association would be more complete if we recited it in Latin, but it is no wise affected by saying it in the vernacular.

Is there not an obvious parallel? If the Breviary in English is in any way futile for the laity, so is the Missal in the same language. Of course one can visualise the day when the laity co-operate more fully with those whose duty it is to use Latin and use all Latin Missals and Breviaries.

Yours faithfully,

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