

and the Greek language, from whence the greater part of knowledge is derived, was at a very low ebb or in a manner forgotten." That good son of the church and of the profession, Dr James J. Walsh, has recently published a charming book on *The Thirteenth, the greatest of the Centuries*, and he makes a very good case for what is sometimes called the first Renaissance. Had the times been ripe and could men have done it, such men as Roger Bacon and Robert of Lincoln and Richard de Bury would have made, for England at least, a new birth ; but from an intellectual standpoint the 13th century was at best, not the true dawn brightening more and more unto the perfect day, but a glorious Aurora, which flickered down again into the arctic night of mediaevalism.

Not until Greece rose from the dead did light and liberty come to the human mind, and it is the special glory of Linacre that he became,