Catholic Theology In The Nineteenth Century: The Quest For A Unitary Method

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Introduction by Colin E. Gunton Interest in Karl Barth is running at unprecedented levels in the English-speaking world. He asserts that "The factor which is decisive in making a theology theology does not belong to the motifs whose presence can be asserted or denied in anyone's work The Christian quality of a theology is not on the same plane with the motifs of a theology that can truly be vouched for. I say all this in opposition to Brunner." (Pg.
BOOK REVIEWS 151 Catholic Theology in the Nineteenth Century: The Quest for a Unitary Method. By GERALD A. McCool. New York: The Seabury Press, 1977. Pp. 300. $14.95. The centennial of the encyclical Aeterni Patris provides the occasion to rethink the significance of this important document in light of presentday challenges, questions, and crises facing Catholic theology and philosophy. Fr. McCool's book is an appropriate starting-point since it retraces the developments, achievements, and painful conflicts of Catholic theology during the years between Aeterni Patris and the Second Vati

35. Rudigier used this phrase in his pastoral letter against the May Laws in 1868, again in a speech on infallibility in Steyr, and also while debating the implementation of the May Laws in the Upper Austrian diet. See: J. Sperber, Popular Catholicism in Nineteenth-Century Germany (Princeton, 1984), p. 235.