

called upon to accept responsibility for all the citizens, and especially for those citizens, such as murderers, who have shown least responsibility for their society.

The remedy does not lie with science, for the ruling classes cannot be expected to grasp or to act upon scientific conclusions. The remedies suggested by the eugenists are sound enough as far as heredity is concerned but would be unacceptable and ineffective without a social pattern into which they fitted. That is the task of religion, the planning of satisfactory relationship of man to man and to the society as it is coming to exist. Especially it must give hope, order, and meaning to the lives of the disinherited, since the only alternative is the ancient remedy of Malthus and Darwin, an unwelcome and wasteful process, the struggle for life and the non-survival of the majority.

## GREEN THRUST

*Douglas Lochhead*

It is almost warm this morning,  
this April Saturday. In the weeping  
gardens a touch of beginning blue,  
of scilla. Sparrows are bold enough  
to reach for a drink in the fountain  
and the flags to welcome warmth  
and spring are legions of laundries  
waving stiff salutes when the wind goes.

Wind, a thrush on new found land,  
the sun gives enough to make a promise  
for all things, all things to come  
like scilla, and the green thrust  
begun.