

Religious Bulletin.
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Cui Bono?

I.

A certain parish priest once rebuked the congregation (of upstart Irish) for criticising Catholic schools. "You can send your stupid offsprings to me," he said, "and I will surround them with piety and prudence and save their souls. But I cannot give them brains. I only wish I could."

II.

"Why priests go to India" would make a glittering drama of college life. The temptation is strong after one has spent long enough in the game to be able to measure the results of his labors.

III.

"There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed but Naaman the Syrian." -- Luke 4: 27. When God's patience was worn out with Israel, He sent his prophet Jonas to preach to the pagans of Nineveh.

IV.

"A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. -- And he said to the dresser of the vineyard: Behold for these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down therefore: why combereth it to the ground? -- But he answering, said to him: Lord let it alone this year also, until I dig about it and dung it. -- And if happily it bear fruit: but if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

-- Luke 13: 6 -9.

V.

There is not much encouragement to continue the process of education when after four years you still find moral scavengers --

Who read and circulate filthy books;
Who support the lowest elements of society;
Who delight in indecent conversation;
Who pay five cents to dance with a dishwasher.

Apologies are here offered to the dishwashers. Many of them have been saints, but none of the saints among them frequented public dance halls.

VI.

"Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name whom Thou hast given Me; that they may be one, as We also are. --While I was with them I kept them in Thy Name. Those whom Thou gavest Me I have kept; and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition." -- John 17: 11,12.

The Pledge.

"I promise, in memory of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord and of His Thirst, upon the Cross, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors for three months."