

Religious Bulletin.

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Ember Days.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember Days, days of fast and abstinence.

Before You Start for Home.

In your Holy Communion before you leave remember the souls of Tom Spalding, who was killed on his way home a few years ago, and William Dockman, whom God called more recently.

Your Leave-Taking.

Visit the basement chapel, the grotto, the log chapel, and whatever other places meant the presence of God for you during the past year. The last visit will cast up an account of your successes and failures, and will suggest the proper resolutions for the summer.

'Richard' Loeb's Mother.

The papers say that Mrs. Loeb was a Catholic stenographer, who gave up her religion to marry her rich employer. Mrs. Leopold is dead, mercifully dead; Mrs. Loeb lives to face the climax of education which gives up God.

The Lesser Sins.

Not all the intelligentsia commit murder -- if we except and occasional abortion -- but sooner or later their false principles work out in their lives. The State deals rather roughly with murderers at times, but it sanctions divorce and takes no notice of other forms of impurity, -- which are crimes against the life of the race.

The Real Reckoning.

The Hanging of Leopold and Loeb, which the State Attorney promises to effect, will not begin to clean up the mess. This will come only when the United States Department of Justice investigates the teachings of those who led these boys astray and suppresses the books, the magazines and the professors who twisted the souls of these infants out of the likeness of God. We will not live to see this accomplished. It is for the likes of that that God will hold the last judgment.

The Priest-Killer.

A fiend in Dracut, Massachusetts, killed a priest the other day, while the priest knelt to administer the last rites to his murderer's father. The murderer insisted that he did it because he was an atheist and hated priests. He, no less than Leopold, believed in working out his own destiny. Poor Father Gillbridge, one of the hardest-working and most popular priests in the Boston Archdiocese, has received the reward of the faithful servant. He went to his call in spite of the threat against his life. -- The Catholic college man who deliberately slanders a priest -- as Catholic college men have in the past -- is no less guilty in the eyes of God than this low-brow who acted on principles which he received from others better educated than himself.

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Training Intellectuals

The careful training of their precious intellects at home and in private schools has rendered young Leopold and Young Leob too smart, too clever, for the average run of young folk. Similar training had rendered other young Chicago folk equally 'superior'. The result was the Green Chalybeate club, where these super-minds, fed on theory and crammed it with philosophy that would make the average student of nineteen dizzy, could throw off the yoke and conventions of the "common herd", and discourse and theorize as they rather fancied such philosophers as Spinoza, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer and Rabelais would have wished them to.

Here, as in similar organizations in many other universities, society and its laws and requirements was held as dull, sordid and slow. A "kick" -- always a "kick" was sought in everything. Classrooms often, presided over by instructors without the fine learning of some of the youthful prodigies were drab and uninteresting. Easy students, money, lack of restraint, led rather naturally to "classes" of their own. The Green Chalybeates dipped into realms of thought which for the average person are forbidden. And lacking the ballance of worldly experience, their fine philosophies got the better of them -- at least it did of young Leopold and young Leob.

Club Considered Smart.

It is considered smart by the new, "advanced" university groups to be "different". There is a tendency to scoff at moral standards. Conventions are held to be absurd. Here young women and young men meet on a plane of full "equality" -- smoking and drinking freely; discussing sex topics without restraint; delving into literature that would give a decided shock to their elders.

Universities have long recognized the problem presented by these youngsters who have come to regard themselves as intellectual emancipators. They have found practically all such groups made up of idlers, rich youths untempered by actual contact with life. Various steps have been taken to discourage matriculation of this class. Some universities have established rules against possession of automobiles; others have put a ban on smoking by girl students, which is held a step in the wrong direction; others have instituted character examinations, designed to weed out the unmoral intellectual highbrows before they get started on the path of learning which may prove dangerous to them.

But obviously such measures have been insufficient. Hence the Green Chalybeate club. Hence many others like it. Hence the thrill murder.

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