

Has Notre Dame Come to This?

"What do you produce at Notre Dame? Your students are not cultured -- why, they haven't even got good manners, and they ape every passing mannerism, go headlong into every craze, and clothe themselves just as absurdly as any illiterate, hare-brained flapper. Watch how they go, bare-headed and in loud-mouthed groups, scraping their heels along the down town sidewalks; go into the five-and-ten-cent stores and observe them lolling about the cheap little shop girls, trying to date them up, with only one purpose in view. See how they behave in the street car when it is crowded and there are flappers aboard to watch them show-off and hear their coarse-clever talk." (Paragraph not revised.)

Our critic has the courage not to sign his name; and this is no mean tribute, for it takes gigantic courage for such an honest soul to remain anonymous in attempted matricide. Who is he? Merely one of the poor dupes who pay down fifty good cents each month to have H. L. Mencken pat them on the back and say, "Now, we thinkers..." His criticism of you is contained in a voluminous tirade against the Church that has fettered the intellects of Augustine, Dante, Michelangelo, Petrarch, Columbus, Copernicus, Cervantes, Shakespeare, Pasteur, and others too numerous to mention in a myriad Bulletins.

The Modern Boy.

Just when we are getting our bearings as gentlemen (see Saturday's Bulletin) comes a pretty maid at an eastern convent school with the following note on the margin of her Perseverance:

"It is as difficult to find a gentleman nowadays as it is the proverbial needle-- by this I mean a young man who still has a respect for a girl. The majority of boys forget that even though a girl does not dress and act in the extremes of fashion she may possess something more worthy of consideration -- self-respect."

What a pity that the boys who can't meet good Catholic girls can't meet the girls who can't meet good Catholic boys. Close reading of Chapter IV in the Religious Survey shortly to appear will probably convince this young lady that the great quest of the Notre Dame man is for the girl who has self-respect.

The Pictures Are Here.

Mention of Michelangelo recalls the fact that the pictures from the Sistine chapel are now hanging in Sorin Hall, the Last Judgment in the corridor near the chapel, and the Creation series in the office of the Prefect of Religion. The frames are almost paid for; \$13 will finish the job.

The Blessing of Throats.

St. Blaise, a Martyr-Bishop of Armenia, stopped on his way to martyrdom to bless the throat of a boy who was suffocating. The cure of this boy brought about the tradition of blessing throats on February 3, the day on which this martyr won his crown. Throats will be blessed tomorrow in the hall chapels at hours designated by the rectors; in the basement chapel before 7:30 a.m., and in the Sorin Hall chapel during the rest of the morning.

Four Thanksgivings.

Four students ask prayers in thanksgiving for favors received: a conversion, a job, a recovery from sickness and one other favor. Prayers are also requested for three other conversions, two special intentions, and three sick persons.