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Prayers.

Ted Gaffney has been called home by the serious illness of his father. Chas. O'Malley asks prayers for his brother, who is to undergo a dangerous operation on his eye this week. Arthur Holton asks prayers for a deceased uncle, Frank Price, an alumnus of Notre Dame years ago. Jerome Biggs asks prayers for a deceased uncle. Two other students ask a remembrance for deceased friends. Mr. Joseph Haley, a very loyal alumnus, is very seriously ill at his home at Fort Wayne. Three special intentions are recommended.

Julius Gets Madder.

You were told several times last year that when people get proud and rebellious God lets them make fools of themselves. And last year you were given two Bulletins on an institution that was called "The Devil's Pamphlet Rack." To go on with our story:

Just before Thanksgiving the newspapers gave scandalous publicity to a "companionate marriage" due to take place in Girard, Kansas, on the holiday; they stated that Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman-Julius would give their "daughter", a high school girl, as temporary or permanent "companion" to one sophomore at the University of Kansas. Then they reported the "marriage" a few days ahead of schedule, in the presence of a "minister" of the Unitarian Church, who left everything "holy" out of the form--as one would.

Next Jane Addams, of Hull House, was reported as regretting the publicity attending the action of her niece, "Mrs. Haldeman-Julius," and as saying among other things that the daughter was a step-daughter and that the name "Haldeman-Julius" was what resulted when Mr. Julius "married" Miss Haldeman.

Next a Kansas farmer stated that he had acted as orphan asylum to the young lady in the case before her foster-parents took her, and made some insinuations regarding her forebears. Julius got a bid mad at this, and the next day's papers carried his statement that the young "companionate bride" was not so much a step-daughter as a daughter, brought to Mr. and Mrs. six years before their marriage, when they were living together as "artists" in New York.

Finally, Sunday's papers carry the story that Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman-Julius got "married" again Saturday, by a "de-bunked" ceremony, which means that the "minister" who presided at the "unholy" event of the week before came back and "united" the father and mother according to a pagan ritual, to cancel out the religious ritual to which they had submitted some twelve years ago. Which shows that Julius is mad.

Now what business has all this filth on the Religious Bulletin? Just this: A year ago, on November 23, to be exact, the Bulletin dealt with Haldeman-Julius as a purveyor of filth and agnosticism in the shape of little blue books at four cents each. They were going out of Kansas by the carload, advertised full-page in the Chicago Tribune and similar papers, and a lot of them were finding their way to goofs at Notre Dame. There is always a nigger in the wood-pile. The private life of the publisher now comes to light, and we see why he declared war on religion and society. Religion and society pointed a finger of scorn at his unholy union twenty years ago; to get even with society he set out to corrupt it, and to get even with religion he tried to undermine it. He has done incalculable harm to farmer boys and high school girls with his booklets on sex and birth control, and now God has let him make a complete fool of himself. It's no wonder he is getting madder.

P.S. Ben Lindsey, propagandist of the "companionate marriage" made his First Communion here in the Minims, and then got mad at the Church because his father was denied Christian burial; God has also let him make a fool of himself.