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\$4010 Worth Of Education.

We are nearing Washington's Birthday, which marks the first appearance of seniors in cap and gown; we have reached the time when seniors sit down and wonder what they've got for their investment of the time God gave them and the money their folks kicked in.

Perhaps we can help them discover what they've got. Their investment was a very wise one (as they will learn more and more with the passing of time) if they are taking away from Notre Dame what this school was founded to give them. In the Religious Surve of a year ago the principles which guide Notre Dame were thus set down:

- "It believes in God, the Author of Truth, and the Enlightener of all who seek after Him.
- "It believes in the sacredness of womanhood, and it places the figure of a woman, in the modest attire that becomes a Virgin and Mother, on the highest pedestal it can find.
- "It believes in God-given authority, whether that authority be vested in parents, in teachers, in Governors of States, or in the Vicar of Christ upon earth.
- "It is the hope of this school that if it can cloister a boy for four years from the ways of the world and can give him a demonstration of the workability of its principles, it can send him out ready to pay tribute to Caesar without losing his soul."

Now there are certain things that are the antithesis of those principles, and the world crowds those things in upon you in the name of "college life," in the name of "broadmindedness," in the name of "enlightened culture," in the name of "art," in the name of "good sportsmanship." (Quotes are used because these perfectly good words have been distorted from their true meanings by the venders of false philosophies.) You have been exposed to these things. If you have accepted them, or any part of them, you have turned your back on true principles, and to the extent to which you have accepted them and put them into practice you have missed the fruit of your investment.

You have missed your education and wasted your time, and Notre Dame has wasted her time on you, if a girl is not always safe in your presence, if you can knowingly enter a low-down theatrical performance, if you can enjoy a dirty story, if you can miss Mass on Sunday or eat meat on Friday, if you can read an Indexed book, if you can stay away from the Sacraments when all around you are going, if you can lie to your parent: and betray their trust in you, if you are afraid of the opinion of men.

Our gentle Saviour uttered a fearful curse on those who waste their opportunities: "Woe to thee, Corozain, woe to thee, Bethsaida: for if in Tyre and Sidon had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in you, they had long ago done penance in sack-cloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capharnaum, shalt thou be exalted up to heaven? thou shalt go down even unto hell. For if in Sodom had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in thee, perhaps it had remained unto thi day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee."

Prayers.

An aunt of Fr. Heiser was anointed yesterday; an uncle of Celestino Tina has just di A relative of Don McDonald is very ill; Father Pratt, of Kokomo, is very low; "Wid" Lawler, former student, writes that his mother is not expected to live. 3 spec. int.