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Comment On The Religious Survey.

From an Archbishop: "I thank you for the ever-interesting and latest Religious Survey. If I had time I would resume the comments I ventured to make some years ago, because further study has only served to add interest and importance....."

From a Bishop: "Monseigneur remercie le Pere O'Hara de l'envoi du 'Religious Survey 1929-30,' et il le felicite des succes obtenu. Ce volume est tres interessant et tres instructif."

From a priest-educator: "It is always a red-letter day here when the Religious Survey of Notre Dame arrives. Reading carefully between the lines of this most interesting human document, one realizes the tragedy in the lives of our growing youth...."

From a teaching Sister: "I spent the greater part of this afternoon reading the Religious Survey. I can scarcely frame my expression of admiration and delight. How beautiful and inspiring is the public acknowledgement of the great, the very great part religion plays in the life of Notre Dame men. Thank God for the University of universities that lives the religion and preaches it by action to the world -- a world that each year learns much from Notre Dame."

From a seminarian: "I want to thank you very much for the book. I have passed it around among my fellow philosophers, and it has met with favorable comment on all sides. Just the other evening one of our distinguished Fathers in an informal talk to the philosophers praised the Survey and its findings."

From a recent alumnus: "In my humble estimation it surpasses the previous editions. It is a source of much inspiration to me and to my Catholic and non-Catholic friends at University. You cannot realize how proud I am to say, 'this is a religious survey conducted by my Alma Mater,' nor how ashamed I become when I think of the opportunities I neglected while at Notre Dame, privileges which my present school fails to offer..."

Take a Survey home to your pastor and another to your folks.

Medical Ethics Vs. Ministerial Polity.

"Chicago, March 21.- As a man and as a physician I resent the following statement of the ministers of 28 Protestant assemblies concerning the use of contraceptives, viz.: "It is essential to consult the family physician." Not all physicians are willing to teach their parishioners how to do a detestable thing. Let the clergy, who admit expert knowledge in distinguishing the true and false in contraceptives, give the instructions and not wish it on the doctors. Family physicians as a rule have a conscience, so let the burden of spreading the scandal of unnatural acts rest on the heads of those who advocate this offensive form of immorality.

"Since the end justifies the means, what next? The same sophistical argument justifies criminal abortion and infanticide. Will we not, under the guidance of the clergy, soon reach that high level of Platonism where the family physician, having delivered the child, will be called upon to strangle it in order that the first born may have a modern college education?"

- Edward K. Niles, M.D., in the Chicago Tribune.

Prayers: Frank Gberketter's aunt is very low. A cousin of Robert Byrne died last week. Four special intentions. Two thanksgivings.