

Two Chances For Reparation.Two items from the daily papers:

Chicago spent approximately one million dollars on New Years whoopee.
Cook County still needs \$3,500,000 for its Emergency Relief Fund.

There is a chance for a bit of reparation. We are getting nowhere fast. Perhaps the celebration of the New Year offered you a personal problem. Did you start off the New Year with Holy Communion in thanksgiving for the favors you received last year?

Three items from the Religious Survey for 1931-32:

"There is more profanity at Notre Dame and more dirty stories per square head than any place I've ever seen."

"Notre Dame companionship has helped to some extent; it has also hindered. There is too much indecent talk and swearing."

"The conversation of so many juniors and seniors is too frequently filthy."

There is a chance for some more reparation. Are these statements exaggerated? You are in a position to know. If your own speech is above reproach, you can make reparation for those who give such scandal; if you are guilty of the scandal yourself, let prayer blister your tongue.

For The Single Standard.

Why not have a single standard of speech at Notre Dame? There are those - we might as well admit it - whose early training has not been of the best. We won't discuss the blame for this; we will simply remind you that your conduct reflects credit or discredit on your parents; whether or not you would have it so it is so.

Are you going to bring these men up to your level, or are you going to go down to theirs? That's for you to say. Don't blame the prefects for this condition; the foulest lips drip honey when a priest is around. It's your responsibility. A man accepts his responsibilities and does something with them.

Has the spiritual yoke a right to regulate the moral tone of the campus? If 84% of the students here are at least weekly communicants it would hardly seem that the lower 16% would be capable of doing so. But the child mind is an unpredictable quantity - it confuses issues so easily. The babe-in-the-woods gets the notion that he is a sissy if he doesn't swear; he can't get the notion of moral courage - of standing out against the crowd.

If the 84% will remember that their tongue is, at least once a week, the resting place of their God and Saviour, there will be no further cause for complaint. 84% is a large majority. Let it make the campus tone.

Don't Protect The Campus Thief.

Before Christmas we must have turned down twenty requests to advertise for stolen articles. Broadcasting such information would do no good. What you can do is report such losses to the rector, together with any information you may have as to the possible author of the theft. The college thief takes a mean advantage of your trust; protecting him endangers others. State prisons are housing some of our thieves of the past. Check their activities before they go that far.