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The Gift of Sleep.

There are some sound consciences at Notre Dame, to judge by the principle laid down in the following anecdote related in The Latch String:

A young man was offered an opportunity to make some big money quick. The scheme was legal, but far from ethical. He told his mother of the glittering opportunity and her answer is reported by Stuart Chase in an article entitled, "The Luxury of Integrity."

"Tom," she said, "you know when I come to wake you in the morning I shake you hard and you don't stir?"

"Yes," he said.

"And then I shake you even harder and you give a little moan?"

"Yes."

"And finally I shake as hard as I can, and you open one sleepy eye?"

"Yes."

"I'd hate to come in morning after morning and find you awake."

The young man decided that sound sleep was better than easy money and a disturbed conscience.

Humanism and Humanists.

"Dear Father: I am a bit surprised at your categorical statement in Wednesday's Bulletin: 'Humanism is dead.' As I read my books and magazines, nothing seems to be more alive among the intellectuals, especially in England. -- N.B."

You must not be reading the right books and magazines. Nothing is more alive than Catholicism in England - Roman Catholicism, if you will. There are humanists, to be sure (we seem to have at least forty of them in this country), but Humanism, as a movement, is dead as a doornail. It was a pretty playground for theorists who live remote from reality and love to indulge their fancy in dreams of beauty and goodness; it could not face drudgery or poverty or unemployment on the one hand, or capitalism or brigandage or racketeering on the other. It chose not to face Creation on the one hand and the General Judgment on the other.

It was a house built on sands. It took from "the Rock which is Peter," whatever it had of ethics or art, but it could have none of its own creation, because it ignored the Beginning and the Last End. "Happiness on earth" is too feeble a rallying cry to attract people who know firsthand too much unhappiness on earth.

God may not be in "Who's Who," but He is in What's What, all solemn deliberations of Ph.D.s to the contrary notwithstanding. People who face realities become aware of His existence sooner or later. Realities of the spirit have brought about the great influx of English intellectuals into the Catholic Church. Realities of the flesh (which are flowing over into spiritual difficulties) will effect the same result among the masses in England before long - probably within the next generation.

This Week's Red Hat....

is conferred, praesente cadavere, on the lay cardinals who blame Notre Dame for the downfall of their sons who came to us devoid of respect for authority, respect for womanhood, respect for self. "Praesente cadavere" in this instance, because the sons, by their failure to attach spiritual significance to Father's Day and Mother's Day, point out the delinquency of their parents.

PRAYERS: Deceased - the wife of Dr. Walter McGuire, who attended Fr. O'Donnell in his recent illness. Ill - a sister of Fr. Brennan. Three sp. int.; a thanksgiving.