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Gerald DuWan's Anniversary.

A year ago tomorrow Gerald DuWan, a member of the present senior class, died in St. Joseph's Hospital an hour after he was struck by an automobile as he was returning from a dance at St. Mary's. He had received Holy Communion that morning; at midnight he was again with God - this time for all eternity. He was an exceptionally fine boy, meticulous as to conduct, exacting in his love of God. Like most of the students who have died here during the past ten or twelve years, he had no chance to go to confession when he was called; and like most of them, he didn't need confession. His daily life was a beautiful preparation for the Vision of God.

At 6:25 tomorrow in the church there will be a Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul. Please attend and offer Holy Communion in union with the intentions of the celebrant. We feel confident that he does not need prayers; but it is the Catholic sense to continue prayers for our loved ones, in the confidence that God will apply them to those who need them most. And pray for the bereaved members of Jerry's family. He was the third boy to go, and the parting left a lasting heartache.

The Presbyterians Reject The Son of God.

By a vote of 691 to 120, the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., assembled in convention at Columbus, Ohio, rejected the fundamentalist candidate for Moderator and elected a modernist. The campaign, we understand, was waged not on the personal merits of the candidates so much as on their theological position, and the election is regarded as showing the attitude of the Presbyterian Church in theology. It is definitely, overwhelmingly modernistic.

We wonder if the laymen in the Presbyterian Church know what this means. Perhaps they do. Perhaps they don't know, but wouldn't be much concerned about it if they did. A great many Presbyterians have attended colleges which wash out Protestant theology, a great many Presbyterians have read more of Bruce Barton than they have of the Bible, most Presbyterians who have attended church during the past decade have heard much more about Man than they have about God.

Stripping modernism of its confusing verbiage and its lofty pronouncements, we find that it consists essentially in a denial of the Divinity of Christ. Pope Pius IX condemned and proscribed 65 propositions of the modernists in his famous decree, Lamentabili, but the fundamental point of attack in all of them is the fact of the Divinity of Christ. This was made the point at issue in the election last week, the fundamentalists asserting that the Presbyterian Church has deserted the Christian faith "as tested by belief in the Virgin Birth of Christ and His substitutionary sacrifice."

What will become of the hundreds of thousands of devout Presbyterian laymen who still believe that Christ is God? That remains to be seen. For us, both as Catholics and Americans, it is a matter of concern, because it means that one more citidal has fallen. If Christ is rejected, so are the Ten Commandments - unless we conceive of the Presbyterians as going over to Judaism. With Christ go heaven and hell, His sanction for the Divine Law. Our country is less secure when these things happen.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Al Artz's father; the father of Stanley Czapalski, '32; relatives of Tom Brobson and Joe Glendon; a member of the local parish; Delbert Thompson. Ill - Gerald and George Stack's mother; Don Love's grandmother; Joe Laughlin's mother; two friends. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, celebrates his 76th birthday Wednesday. Five special intentions.

MASSSES: 6:25 Tuesday, Sorin chapel (Boston Club) - Wayne Milnor's mother.
6:25 Wednesday, Sorin chapel (New Jersey Club) - Maurice Riganti's father.