

University of Notre Dame
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Gaps in Adoration
Monday: 7:30; 8:30(2);
9:00; 12:00.

Free Advice.

To the Northern Illinois District of the Walther League, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which voted recently to ask to be called "Lutherans" instead of "Protestants":

If you are going back behind the diet of Speyer, where the first Protestants met (and they were all Lutherans then), go back to the time before Luther broke his vows and started the divisions that are not ended yet. Your Mother will receive you with joy any time you want to come all the way home.

To the Congregational pastors of Chicago, who have asked the secular press to stop labeling them as liberal, modernist, or fundamentalist:

Patch up your differences if you don't want to be labeled by them. We have a pure food law which protects customers against goods falsely labeled. Must we go to the legislatures for protection against false labels on religion?

To the movie producers who are hard put for variety in filth:

Dig a bit deeper into the French decadents; the Russians, never having been quite civilized as a people, can never go so far as an angel fallen from grace.

To Baker Brownell, journalist and professor, whose new book, "Earth is Enough" (to quote the Betts review), finds that "the forms, vehicles and symbols of religion were never more remote from truth and experience than they are today," and that "Christianity has misled its followers by a 'segregation of eternity' and by its creation of a 'system of postponed values, attainable only in a future'";

Say your prayers in the desert for a while, get away from the roar of the "L" and the babble of the Loop, close your ears to the roar of presses; leave behind you the Mayan hut, the primitive Guatemalan towns, Sheridan Road, Dempster Avenue, Milwaukee Avenue, Waukegan Road, "the yellow pool of light of Chicago"; abandon to their fate the Yellow cab drivers, the DesPlaines Camp meeting, and Rev. Bentham. Go back to the earth and see if it is enough. Leave the dizzy world, so that you can really think in your heart; and then consider the claims of Christ and His "system of postponed value," which is not so far away, but closer to us even than the undertaker. The fellow who thinks that earth is enough is likely to take a gun and go out to get more than his share of earth.

To Edgar J. Goodspeed and J. M. Powis Smith, whose "The Short Bible," is described as "The American Translation in Brief":

Please make the second edition briefer. The covers will be quite enough. The critique you follow destroys the value of the book, the critical conclusions you follow are outmoded, and the white paper you mess up costs money.

To Harvard College, whose "house plan," now in operation three years, is described by Arthur Evans, as bringing increased participation in athletics, more reading, better scholarship, and other blessings with which we are quite familiar:

Come around and we can give you some more ideas that have worked well at Notre Dame for ninety-two years. Religion is one of these. It really trains character. You'd be surprised.

PRAYERS: Deceased - the mother of Rev. Christopher Brooks, C.S.C.; Rev. Phil O'Donnell; Mrs. Victoria Coghlan, widow of a former history professor; Frank Reidy's grandmother. Ill - Mike Fox's mother; Joe Kurth and Ray Totten, '30 (operations); Wm. McNally's father; Arthur Gerend's grandmother; W. F. Escher's grandfather; an aunt of Bill Ryan (Corby). A thanksgiving and four special intentions.