## University of Notre Dame Religious Bulletin May 14, 1934

Gaps in Adoration Tues.-10:30; 2:30(2); 3:30; 4:00.

## The SUN Writes a Bulletin.

A moral purpose in education, for some time past disavowed or ignored by secular educational agencies, is pointed out nowadays with increasing frequency. A few weeks ago we transcribed a few paragraphs from a speech on this point delivered before the New York Illini club by President emeritus David Kinley. From the same speech we quote again:

"Since the public has so large an interest in our higher educational institutions it has the right to insist on certain standards of life, conduct, and teaching, as well as on rational, sound, administrative policies on the part of those in charge of the institutions as well as on the part of students who are privileged to enjoy their advantages."

In the same strain the New York Sun (April 16) takes to task the teacher who disclaims any obligation to exemplary conduct. The editorial ("Not Obligatory") follows:

"Maybe the public will be shocked by the discovery of Professor John Carr Duff of the New York University School of Education, but maybe it will bear up under the strain. The professor says that American teachers have become sissified in conformity to a public demand that they act in a way that is too good to be true. This is truer, he says, in small towns than in cities; in rural communities he finds that teachers are required 'to live up to a moral standard that would put a strain on a thirty-second degree saint.' And he adds:

"It is not just that the teacher is required to be a paragon of virtue while he is in the classroom. It is required of him all the time. Even in large cities there is a tacit understanding that teachers must at least pretend to be morally superior to other people."

"Supposing this to be so, what of it? It is written in no statute book that anybody unwilling to comply with common standards of correct behavior for teachers shall be subject to fine or imprisonment if he hunts other employment. A person who is not willing to be an exemplar of the virtues has no business dealing with other people's children in the classroom or out of it.

"So far as public schools are concerned, the State has taken over from parents considerable responsibility for developing the characters as well as the minds of children. Theoretically at least, paid teachers are better equipped for this dual service than the average parent can expect to be. If a teacher lies or steals or cheats or is intemperate or immodest in his private life---if he is a persistent offender against the code of morals and manners commonly accepted in his community--he is certainly unfit for this delicate duty. He puts his own personality on parade before his children every working day; he is paid for that as truly as he is paid for expounding the binomial theorem. If he doesn't wish to do his work properly he should take another job."

## Announcements.

Novena for Examinations. Seniors, begin Tuesday. <u>Bengel Benefits.</u> The Linnets, \$302.50. Boxing Show, \$41.19. Many, many thanks. <u>Magazines.</u> The St. Vincent de Paul representatives ask that you save all old <u>magazines.</u> They will be called for.

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PRAYERS: Deceased - the mother of Halph Caletri, '32; John Buckley's father; the wife of Elroy E. Habert, '26; the father of Edwin Lynch, '10; Alexander Beckman, ex-'91; Mrs. E. M. Rawley; an uncle of John Hunt. Ill - Fred M. Stetter, a benefactor of the University; the mother of Rex O'Malley, '26; Harry Rockett's father (appendectomy) an uncle of Wm. McCarthy; a friend of a student. Three special intentions.