

Deceased, father of
Rev. A. Niemier, C.S.C.;
John T. Sexton, '33.

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Dr. Haas' condition
remains critical.
Pray for him.

Too Much Religion?

Not long ago, the students of a high school in Long Island went on strike. Why? Because they had been denied a free day to attend the nearby World's Fair. A writer in the Brooklyn Tablet, commenting on the incident, traces the training of many modern youths in this fashion:

"He is hospital-born, bottle-fed, orange-juiced according to the sine qua non of pediatric dicta. At the age of three, if he wants to tear up his Father's evening paper he is allowed to do so, lest his natural impulses be thwarted. When he gets to be four his mother dumps him into the lap of a kindergarten teacher for 'directed' discipline. In elementary school he doesn't like his 2A teacher, so he is promoted into 2B because his personality must not be 'frictionalized'. In 2B he gets homework and he doesn't like to do homework. Thereupon he is excused from homework, so his natural tendencies will not be thwarted. Thus the despoilation of character goes on until he gets to high school where widely selective courses help with the jellyfishing of his moral stamina."

He comes to Notre Dame, and because the rules and life aren't designed to pamper sissies, he turns sour-puss. Then he looks around for something to criticize, something against which he can "strike".

If you hear a student sing, "There's too much religion here!" ask him when he was last to the Sacraments. The loudest singers, you'll notice, are those who have the greatest need for the Sacraments, yet neglect them the most.

Advent Begins Sunday.

Advent is a time of prayer and penance in preparation for Christ's coming on Christmas. If you climb out of bed these cold mornings to offer the entire Mass and to receive Holy Communion, you are willingly accepting your cross; you are making a beautiful preparation for Christmas.

If you are conscientious about your studies, if you sacrifice dates or shows or perform some other act of self-denial during Advent, you are doing penance for your sins; you are strengthening your will, you are opening up the channels for Christ's grace and peace.

The Epistle Sunday from St. Paul is very appropriate for the Novena for Purity.

"...it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep...The night is past, and the day is at hand...Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."

About Your Conversation.

Perhaps you need to be reminded of what you were told in a recent Bulletin about the kind of students who participate in filthy conversation and brag about their evil deeds. There are three kinds of students who do this: 1. The degenerate; 2. The immature, who haven't reached the emotional pitch their age demands, who have missed the sense of shame; 3. The cowards who know it is wrong, who despise themselves in their hearts for their participation, and yet who participate because they have a yellow streak.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: (deceased) friend of Bob Nenno (Lyons); Mrs. Duffy (Long Island). Ill. grandfather of W. Amann (Car.); mother of Jim McGarraghy. Four special ints.