

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.  
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THE NEWS OF THE WAKE.

The President of Columbia in his annual report states that the majority of men entering college lack the essential rudiments of elementary education....A commissioner of education declares a youth has no right to the advantages of a college education if he fails to use them in the service of society....The Dean of Religious Education at a state university says that the great financial leaders are coming to realize that neither capital nor labor is safe without an undergirding of religion. The same day he tells a Ministerial Association that fraternities are inimical to religious practice unless they have a good leader.... A Dean of women at a large university announces that they have no intention of forbidding the coeds to smoke as they have already learned the habit at home. An investigator at a state institution reports that 52 per-cent of the Catholic students showed indifference to religious convictions....A group of serious-minded men meet in Indianapolis to discuss means of putting back daily religion into the schools....Two Notre Dame men on streetcar decide that the only thing wrong with their school is the too great insistence on religion....And so it goes!

"The Truth Shall Make You Free."

All of which makes one rub his eyes and wonder what they will discover next. It is interesting to note that every period throughout the ages has had the like problems. The Church somehow or other went on teaching the same old truths and they have produced fruit. "When Modernism gives the world a Dante and Higher Criticism a Milton, when the Intellectuals produce a Newman, when Christian Science offers us an Aquinas and Irreligion presents to us a Raphael and an Angelo in the temple of art, when Doubt has reared the architectural masterpieces that Faith reared in poverty, when Free Verse has its Shakespeare and Jazz its Palestrina, then, and then only---and yet not even then---may we begin to worry."

NOT ALL DUMB SHOW.

Carleton Hayes of Columbia insists in the Commonweal that the civilizing influences of America have been essentially Catholic in spirit. Yet, we have contempt for art in our cities and in the great open spaces of our prairie and plantations, a national repugnance to close-thinking, solid reading and intellectual conversation; we dread to fill the great open spaces of our mind. He points out that Catholics have a duty to continue and develop this civilizing influence and should fit themselves accordingly. Is it not possible that this is just the stimulus you have needed to help you "to fill the great open spaces" of your mind?

Church Unity Novena.

The annual novena for the reunion of Christendom, under one fold and one Shepherd will begin at the end of the week. Father, mother, relative or friend you may wish to pray for in a special manner. It is a good way to begin the apostolate of influence.

Prayers.

Donald Rekhard asks prayers for the recovery of his father who is very ill.

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