

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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"I read your Bulletin today. I see where you thrust your poinard-like pen into the entirely unguarded and innocent side of the East again. Keep up the good work! The East can stand it better than any other part of the country; she had by far the most genuine Catholics! You don't see where the K.K.K. runs riot in the East; Al Smith and Hylan do, however!

"Not wanting to be impertinent, but where do you come from? Is it Walla Walla, Washington, or Mudinohole, Kansas?

"In looking over the new bulletin of the University I find that 776 of the students--including Ohio--included because, like its eastern neighbors, it's very much Catholic; ask Niles, it will tell you,--of the University of Notre Dame du Lac are from the East. With more than one-third of its students narrow-minded, Notre Dame is a very unbalanced school, is it not?

"By the orthography of your name, your progenitors trod the soil of New York City and 'learned the ropes' there before they summoned up enough courage to go out among the haythen! And then it was the great deal of reluctance that they left, through no desire of their own, but because of economic conditions.

"I used to read a lot about western hospitality; it makes very good reading matter, but as a verity it's the bunk! Ohio, outside of the extreme East, is the only state east of the Rockies that has learned the word Hospitality! I've geen rooming with and mingling with Minnesotans, Wisconsinites, Indians, Oklahomans, et cetera, but when it comes to broadmindedness and hospitality, carry me to Columbus, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Boston, New Haven or New York City; any one of them will do!

"It's obvious that you're prejudice against the East when you instantaneously place an anonymous paper to the credit of the East; hit it hard! It merely shows, a statement like that, I mean,--that in the past you have been biased towards the East, by the unhesitating manner in which you attribute an unsigned statement to the East."

Your statistics are encouraging. If the eastern contingent at Notre Dame continues to grow, inside of two or three generations some of the provincialism will be worked out of the East--unless, as happens so often, the best easterns decide to remain West after four years of enlightenment. And about those progenitors: they never heard of New York, which was only a little Dutch village when they came over. They came to Boston and found the Native Americans burning convents there, and since they had money enough to pay their way West they didn't remain. As for hospitality, Walla Walla has a bit the edge on New Haven when it comes to the cover charge for it.

Clausula Est Janua.

"I know of several cases where fellows who have found the church door locked on Sundays have voluntarily missed Mass. I know something has to be done to make us come to Mass on time, but I would suggest the use of something which would not leave the culprit in such a bad frame of mind."

There were five foolish virgins in Our Lord's parable who were locked out of heaven because they came late. As for those who miss Mass deliberately, it would be far better for the church if they were to join the Klan. They do more harm inside than they could outside.

Prayers.

A deceased relative, a deceased friend, two sick persons, five acts of thanksgiving for recovery from sickness.

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