

The Price You Pay for the Modern Girl.

The Religious Survey of last year, now in the hands of the printer, has a great deal of matter on the modern girl. Fortunately for the next generation of sons of Notre Dame men, there is in general a wholesome tone in the statement of ideals in the choice of a wife; but there is altogether too much complacent acceptance of the devil's standards of morality for the thing to be entirely healthy. One student says, "So far, girls with their idle and stupid prattle, have been an insufferable bore to me." Another states his conviction: "I would not marry a modern girl if she were the proverbial last woman on earth." But there are many who are willing to stand for a lot.

The answers to the question, "Would you marry a girl who drinks?" lined up thus:

Yes.....	138
No.....	305
Not if it were a habit.....	188
It depends.....	31

This means that 138 students, making no reservation in their answers to this question, would be willing to turn the raising of their children over to a woman who may communicate her thirst for liquor to them before they are born, and who may not be in condition to nurse them when they need it. It means that 188 others are willing to take a chance on a girl's learning to drink as a society stunt, in the hope that she would not contract a habit of drink, when it is a well-known fact that the habit of drink (in this country) develops very fast from "light potations."

It means that 357 students are willing to take a chance on their happiness in this life and the eternal happiness of their children -- if they have any.

Yesterday's papers carried an account of a very common story -- common nowadays. A wife, 32 years old, killed her husband because he was cruel to her. The sob-sister who did the story told of her previous divorces, and of the fact that she "ran around with No. 3 for two years before she got her divorce from No. 2." (A divorce makes a difference, of course, in our strange American morality.)

Drink and impurity are very closely connected in the case of women, more so even than in the case of men, where the connection is dangerously close. This does not mean that every woman who drinks can be seduced -- God forbid! -- but it does mean that more women are seduced when under the influence of liquor than when sober.

What price are you willing to pay for sin? It is an inexorable law that every step you take in the path of sin must be paid for -- in this world or in the next. God always calls you back from sin: if you heed His voice your steps may be painfully retraced in this life; if you are deaf to His voice, your penalty is paid in the world to come.

John T. McCutcheon had another striking cartoon yesterday -- The Swing of the Pendulum. He represents society as swung just now to the extreme of materialism, degraded ideals, profligacy, extravagance, indulgence and lawlessness. We know that the pendulum swings as far back as it has gone forward. The next generation will be very careful with the raising of children, guarding them from well-known pitfalls; -- that is, such of the present generation as survive the present profligacy.

What price will you pay for the modern girl? See tomorrow's Bulletin.

-- Prayers are requested for three special intentions. Remember the Church Unity