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A Protest.

By request of the acting President of the University, Father Carrell, the following letter, which was addressed by The Villagers to the Scholastic, has been turned over to the Bulletin, in the hope that it will precipitate discussion and effective action:

To the Editor of the Scholastic:

Recent public manifestations of "rowdyism" and ungentlemanly conduct by a few of the members of the student body of this university have prompted this letter to the official student publication, so that the great majority of Notre Dame men may know the reputation that is being earned for the University as a whole by a very small minority of students who are unfortunately afflicted with a very stunted mentality or a "smart-Aleck" complex.

And we, as members of the student body of this University, deem it better that constructive criticism should come from within our own ranks than from without, where much-needed criticism is likely to be turned into condemnation, aroused by prejudice and dislike, and become a virulent and venomous denunciation of the school, its student body, and its teachings.

The actions of a few students attending a stage production in a local theatre last week were the cause of much unfavorable comment, and gave grounds for criticism to those about us ever anxious to find fault with the University and its students. The "ham acting" of the performers was only outdone by the ungentlemanly conduct of several students, who answered the prayers of the chorus maidens for a "shower of gold" with "coppers" that might have been used to the greatest possible advantage by Father Finner in his far-off missions and brought a dividend in spiritual favors to the donor.

Another common occurrence among the students is smoking on the street cars while ladies are aboard. As the propriety of this certainly Emily Post should be sufficient authority for those who consult her work for correct parlor parlance and ballroom etiquette. As students of this University, bearing the name that it does, we should have the highest possible respect for ladies, and suffer ourselves to forego a momentary pleasure of smoking that a lady might not be subjected to an irritation of the throat or eyes such as is caused by smoking in poorly-ventilated, crowded street cars.

As members of an organization primarily created as the connecting link between Notre Dame and South Bend, and ever attempting to maintain the eyes of the citizenry of South Bend the highest possible respect for all that is really and truly representative of Notre Dame gentlemanliness, we believe that the Monogram Club, embodying all the traits by which Notre Dame men should be distinguished from those not so fortunate as to be subject to the traditions, to the spirit, and to the influence of this University, should take upon itself this duty and take steps to make the public actions of every student enrolled here reflective of the gentlemanliness of Notre Dame men and of the high regard in which they, as Students of the University of Our Lady, hold womanhood at all times and in all places.

--- The Notre Dame Villagers.

Prayers.

A former student requests prayers for a dear friend of his, recently deceased. You are reminded that we are having just now a Novena for the Sick; those not making the Novena can at least say some prayers for those whose names have been handed in. It is proper charity to your school mates.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION BE OFFERED TODAY FOR THE SICK.