
Hell on Earth.

I.

Sunday's papers reported an English jurist as commending a father who murdered his three-year-old daughter whose death the doctors predicted was only a matter of days. The following statement is attributed to him: "I cannot avoid saying this about it, that it is a matter which gives food for thought when one comes to consider that had this poor child been an animal instead of a human being, so far from there being anything blameworthy in the man's actions in putting an end to the child's sufferings, he would actually have been liable to punishment if he had not done so. This is a state of law and we must administer the law."

"If the light that is in thee be darkness, the darkness itself how great shall it be." Thus spoke Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. We used to think that the murder of the innocent was a point of the natural law that was evident to everyone; we used to believe no crime more revolting than the murder of a child by its parents or of a parent by the child. Humanitarianism, deified (for money) by Victor Hugo, has been set above the Law of God by maudlin sentimentalists who have turned from God; and now if you get sick you must lock your mother out of your room lest she grow sympathetic and slip arsenic into your cough medicine. That's Hell on earth!

II.

A Wisconsin professor urges girls to smoke cigarettes and emancipate themselves from sex restrictions (he connects the two things, and seems to know his audience). Then when the co-eds have corrupted all the good boys in the universities and have killed every noble sentiment of chivalry and set loose the raging beast of lust in the men of this generation, all penalties for rape will have to be abolished.

There was a time when man regarded woman as merely the slave of his lust; and he was as cruel as only lust can make a man. That was the universal state of the "civilized" world before Christ taught chastity and gave us His Mother as the model of virginity and motherhood. Our professors now tell us to make brothels of our homes. That's HELL ON EARTH! "If the light that is in thee be darkness, the darkness itself how great shall it be." So much for our judges and professors of today.

III.

There are approximately four hundred boys at Notre Dame, sons of Catholic mothers, or fathers, or both, who have not received the Sacraments this year and who live at varying degrees of remoteness from God and His Church. Many of them are seniors, in their fourth year of Notre Dame influence. God's grace is offered to them for less than the asking; opportunities are multiplied so that at any time of day or night they may enjoy a foretaste of heaven. Notre Dame has received them at much inconvenience to herself, and at the grave risk that they will shame her in the future, because she wants to train up as many Catholic leaders as possible and to help boys to save their souls in the midst of an outrageously wicked world.

"If the light that is in thee be darkness, the darkness itself how great shall it be." Men who reject their vocation to leadership, men who despise God's gifts of grace and mercy, have an accounting to give commensurate with their opportunities. And when Notre Dame men reject God, That's HELL ON EARTH!

PRAYERS: Bro. Terence, C.S.C., died Sunday. Chas. Lennon's mother will undergo an operation today. Three special intentions are recommended. A relative of Edw. A. Walsh, Jr., died last week.