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"Conterere, Domine."

Contrition comes from the Latin verb "conterere," to crush, to grind, to wear away. Contrition is expressed in the following letter, dated September 30:

"Dear Father: Thank God for Notre Dame. The Mission has reformed at least one fellow and made him realize the real values that are to be found in God and in Notre Dame. I haven't been so happy in years as I am now. What a daze I must have been in.

"I am sending you five dollars of my allowance. You may use it for any charity or office as you see fit. I realize that it is but a little sacrifice in part payment for the enormous debt which I owe to God. However, it is at least a beginning.

"Once more I say, Thank God for Notre Dame and the Mission. -- Repentant."

That's the proper spirit. There is in that boy's heart the foundation for happiness. He will be glad to know that his sacrifice will go to help the local poor and the Bengal Mission. Above all, he will begin now to see the Hand of God in everything that is

What has happened and will happen to him is beautifully expressed in a little poem that appeared last week in the Line o' Type of the Chicago Tribune. "Convertere" means "turn". The soul that turns really to God will find God turning to it. The poem:

"Convertere, Domine."

I listened for His voice and heard the roar,
The tumult of the town. I tried to see
The gentleness and wisdom of His eyes
But could not penetrate the climbing towers.
And when I sought the comfort of His hand,
That He might close His fingers over mine,
I touched cold steel, hard stone and brittle glass.
And loneliness suddenly descended.

The narrow panels of the city sky
Darkened, and sonorous thunder put to shame
The discord of the streets. It was as though
He spoke. Each kindly lightning flash dispelled
Unnumbered, frightening shadows and I saw,
Clearly, the things His eyes had always known.
And, finally, I felt the sharp, warm rain--
His reassuring kiss against my cheek.

-- Dale Fisher

First Friday.

The cards posted in the halls for First Friday adoration are an invitation for you to assign yourself to a definite period for adoring the Blessed Sacrament exposed all day in the Basement Chapel.

The adoration will begin at 6:30, with a Mass of Exposition; it will conclude with the usual Rosary Devotions at 5:00 p.m. Only the students of Brownson and Carroll Halls are asked to come to the Mass; the others will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in their own hall chapels that morning.

PRAYERS: Leonard Cacciatore and Anthony Camperlengo ask prayers for relatives who are ill. Four special intentions.