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Page From An Old President.

One of Notre Dame's most gifted presidents was Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., who died only last year. Following are three excerpts from notable addresses that he delivered to Notre Dame students of his day:

Pride of Ignorance.

It seems to me now that the thing to be feared is not what the old spiritual books called "the pride of knowledge," but what everybody knows to be the pride of ignorance. As a matter of fact, knowledge never injured anyone. What is hurtful is the ignorance which believes itself to be knowledge. "What impressed me most at Louvain," said Bishop Spaulding to me once in conversation, "was the humility of the learned men who make up the Faculty of the University. As I look back on it now, it was not their prodigious learning, nor their personal piety, that was the most striking, but the amazing humility of these noble minds."

As a matter of fact, every really great intellect since the beginning of the world has been profoundly religious. It is not the sages of science who raise the tumult about the dogmas of religion, but their noisy and shallow campfollowers. Religion has been the inspirer of every noble work since the beginning of the world. Faith watches over the cradles of nations while criticism doubts and argues above their graves. The historic universities of the world have grown up in the sunshine of Catholic Faith. It is not knowledge but ignorance which impedes the work of the Church in civilizing and sanctifying mankind. The pride of knowledge, therefore, is little to be feared, the pride of ignorance is a great and constant menace.

Pleasure vs Success.

Know this: if you are to enjoy great success you must purchase it at the price of many lesser goods. Tomorrow pleasure will smile upon you and bid you enjoy yourself; choose between pleasure and success, because you cannot have both. Amusement will entice you from study and labor; society will bid you be gay and idle; self-indulgence will seduce you from effort and patience, and a dozen soft voices will solicit you to sentimental languishings and to taste the sweetness of love's young dream. Perhaps prudence will warn you against heroic labors; romance will admonish you that the spring-time of life passes; choose between these things and the shining heights where so few stand, precisely because so few are morally strong enough to pay the great price.

Colloge To A Famous Cardinal.

The great Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, speaking of his teachers at colloge, said: "They taught me to obey, to labor, and to dare." The obedience he learned at colloge fitted him to exercise authority, and he became the great Cardinal Archbishop of Malines. The labor to which he disciplined himself in colloge made him a great scholar, the most masterly exponent of scholastic philosophy in his day. The daring they developed in him at colloge made him the greatest moral figure of the World War.

Unarmed, defenceless, his only coat of armor his priestly cassock, he stood at the gates of liberty and with no panoply except conscience, with no weapon except his eloquent voice, and no army except his courageous heart, he withstood the most gigantic military power of modern times. One brave priest alone awoke the conscience of the world and saved his nation from destruction.

PRAYERS: (deceased) two friends of a student. Ill, mother of John Koeninghoff (Dillon Hall); friend of student; Father J.J. Boyle, C.S.C.; Fr. Wenninger, C.S.C.; relative of Father Barry, C.S.C.