
Excerpts.

(1) From John Erskine's article, "Crazy Education":

"Where morality--that is, personal obligation and responsibility--is not taught from the home up, the educational system becomes first an expensive folly, then an organized racket.

"Before I attempt to make good this charge, I must notice two exceptions. The military schools, particularly the academies at West Point and Annapolis, teach responsibility and train character. Preparation for war should not be the chief business of civilized society, but the soldier-making institutions are still the only schools which within their field develop measurably the character as well as the brain.

"The schools which prepare for peace don't think, apparently, that the peaceful need courage, or endurance, of the spirit of devotion. That is, with the other exception which in justice should be named, the Roman Catholic schools. They, too, inculcate a system of personal ethics; they, too, educate their students in matter of character.

(2) From Fred Snite's ('30) diary of trip in the "iron lung" from Peiping to Chicago:

"During our three-day stay in Shanghai I was a guest at the Shanghai General Hospital, which is municipally owned, but operated by the Sisters of St. Francis. They really treated me royally, going to no end of trouble in their efforts to make me comfortable. The food was excellent; far superior to what one might obtain at the Hotel. On the second morning, Father Moore, a fellow patient, brought me the Blessed Sacrament and on the following morning, which was Sunday, the Nuns had arranged for Mass to be celebrated right outside my door. Joy of joys--I cannot express the thrill experienced during the Holy Communion after having been away from it for fourteen months. I soon learned that

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Father Ernest Davis C.S.C.; uncle of John Webster (Lyons). Two special intentions.

Father Moore was to be a fellow passenger returning to America, because of his health. We have now become good friends. He brings me Communion each morning and twice has said Mass in my room.....I have come to know and love my religion more than ever before. If in maintaining this attitude I have helped some of you...it makes me all the happier. A few nights ago I received an undescribable thrill when one of my best friends said, 'Fred, thanks for making me a good Catholic.'

(3) From Dick Swisher of this year's senior class who was injured last fall:

"Naturally I was disappointed in not being able to re-enter Notre Dame this fall. I am still in braces, and it would have been impossible for me to have made it alone.....My right leg is mending finally, and I should be able to take the braces off of it in a month or so. Don't worry, I am not depending on it too much. I've found that it doesn't pay to depend on something like that until the time comes. That way you don't get your heart broken so often. There is a bone condition in my left ankle that doesn't seem to be clearing up quite as rapidly as I would like, but we hope it will in time. That is what causes the pain in the ankle. The phlebitis in my left leg is leaving me with a trick leg that will always swell to a certain amount."

Dick is now at his home in Muncie, Indiana. Friends can reach him there with letters. All students will keep him in their prayers that he may soon be able to return to the campus.

(4) From Basil Gillespie ('37):

"According to Father Foley, the State of Alabama is only 2 per cent Catholic. Some people come 50 miles on Sunday to Mass. New Orleans is the only Catholic stronghold in the South. The number who receive Holy Communion is inspiring."