

Injured, parents and relatives of Bob Weber (O-C);
operation, mother of J.Schmidt

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Deceased, wife of M. Bishko.
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\$155, not \$115.

One Vote For Case.

"Dear Father: Here's one student who agrees with President Case of Bard College completely. I finished one year at Notre Dame, then served two years in the army before coming back. I thank God that He did not let me continue because He gave me an interval to mature and think things over so that I could get the most out of my education.

"It is a continuous source of amazement to me to see most of the students here turn a deaf ear to the most rational pleas ever presented. It is disgusting to hear the constant profanity. Perhaps some of these so-called Catholics do have a second thought. For their sake, I hope so. If they protest they are old enough for college; if they cannot see so many of their actions as juvenile, in spite of their age, it is only because they cannot see past their own noses.

"May God give them the grace to realize the precious gift of faith and to make use of the finest opportunities in the world for implementing that faith." --A Student.

The Cockle In The Wheat.

Our Lord gave us a parable once which helps us to understand why there are scandals in the Church, why there are uncanonized saints among the followers of Christ and followers of Christ who are not saints--all mixed up together as cockle in a field of wheat. The farmer's helpers wanted to tear up the cockle, lest it destroy the wheat. But the farmer would have nothing of it. He said, "Leave them to grow side by side till the harvest."

Monsignor Knox in THE GOSPEL IN SLOW MOTION says this about that parable: "Mankind, in this world, is a very mixed crop; there are a great many weeds about, and so much mixed up with the true grain that it's almost impossible now for us to tell them apart. But wait till the day of judgment. Then the just. . . will shine forth in the kingdom of their father, and the other people will get what they deserve.

"God will be able to decide, easily enough, which were the people who pulled long faces and looked good and were really hypocrites all the time. . . And he will be able to decide which were the people who really did their best, although temptation was always getting the better of them and pulling them down, fought a losing battle all their lives and. . . were generally thought, here on earth, to have made a mess of their lives, but they did their best, all the time, and he will know that they were true grain.

". . (this) is a comforting parable, when you are feeling rather depressed about the condition of the world at large. Couldn't God interfore somehow? Couldn't he send us a convenient epidemic which would neatly kill off all the people who seem to us to be doing so much harm in the world, and leave all the nice people immune?

"The answer to that is that in the long run it doesn't frightfully matter who wins and who loses in these earthly debates which we consider so important. What matters is not whether So-and-so gets away with it now, but whether he is going to get away with it at the last judgment, with all eternity in front of him."

Take a look at a field of wheat. "Look between the stalks of the wheat, and you see a great jungle of nettle, thistles, briars, and goodness know what. But it doesn't really matter, you know--they're not going to get past the threshing-machine. It's the bread that's important, not the field; the field is only there to produce the bread. It's heaven that's important, not earth; earth is only there to provide people for heaven."

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