

John, III, 2) Nevertheless, the attainment of the goal will be because of our personal efforts. The victory will be ours. Our acts are free, they are forced on us by no one, they are performed by no other. We work, however, with the help of God. Once the universal good is attained it can never be lost. Nothing can draw man away from it, for in it is found all good, and in comparison all lesser goods sought in this life will appear as non-goods.

This perfect happiness is not the happiness of the intellects alone, but of man. The will, therefore, will take delight in the presence of God. The human body, reunited to the soul, will receive from the soul such joy and glory as will bring it to a degree far beyond that of natural perfection. Friends, too, there will be, whom we shall love in God. They are not essential to happiness, but the fellowship of friends will add charm to happiness.

It is plain then, "that there is no perfect happiness in the present life. The degree of present happiness is in exact proportion to our approach to the final goal of life. Happiness, even the imperfect happiness this life can offer, is a matter of approaching God."

—P.H.O.N.E. '55

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### THE WATER-PIPE

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Above my head, as I lie in bed,  
A water pipe doth sleep,  
Its days work done, its rest hath come,  
And silence it doth keep.

The night doth fly, the pipe and I,  
All thoughts we do forsake,  
Till the crack of dawn, the pipe doth yawn,  
With a bang it doth awake!

It wakes me up. Should I bear this cup?  
I must expect the worse,  
And that selfsame pipe, which I loved last night,  
Is the object of my curse.

—BILL O'FLAHERTY '56.