

College spirit does not end upon graduation. That is evidenced from the continued loyalty to St. Dunstan's by the many Alumni scattered all over America. The principle seems to be, 'once for S.D.U., always true.' And while we cheer and fight for our college in a body, we might correctly imagine many thousands joining with us in spirit and shouting 'Take the ball, take the ball. . . .' Let us hope that we too, upon graduation, will ever retain 'that old college spirit.'

—EDITORIAL.

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### THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

Three days  
 They paced the crowded streets and byways,  
 Paced amid bearded vendors and gowned girls  
 Past marbled altars and dim-lit systyles  
 The two  
 Anxious and solea-clad: seeking, ever seeking  
 The One.

One morn  
 In the celestial silence of a vestry  
 The two  
 Kingdoms vied for the throne of my soul  
 As I sought in vain, in vain . . . then the bell  
 Rent the stillness: wide-eyed, I found one of  
 The Three.

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At this period of history when the Christian world is confronted with ideologies which threaten to enslave it, it seems that each country which lays claim to a Christian heritage should be united morally and physically from within in order to meet the enemy with that strength which comes from such unity. Yet this is not the case. On this continent in recent years there has appeared an evil which has already caused untold degeneration, and which, if allowed to continue unchecked, will help reduce our society to a state of baseness and insecurity which will weaken us so that we shall not be able to ward off the perils which at this moment seem so terrible. The evil, pernicious in every respect, is the enormous amount of indecent and untruthful literature which is slowly relieving us of the ability to make an adequate judgment of reality.

The appearance of this trashy, passion provoking writing (which seems a more appropriate word than literature) should not merely be regarded as a serious moral threat to a nation, but it should also be regarded as a direct insult in the intelligence of every citizen with any respect for decency or common sense. It is an insult because those who are responsible for the flood of filth have succeeded in their evil intent so well that they rely on the respectable citizens to contribute to their efforts either by buying and reading it, or by being complacent about the scandalous crime. And it is a crime, if not against the state, then against Almighty God, to distribute books, magazines, or any writings, which pander to the weaknesses of human nature and make it more liable to sin; and which, at the expense of reality, present a false set of values which in no way agree with right reason.

One of the plainer facts about the presence of the foul reading problem is that everyone who has occasion to visit a newsstand is aware of its blatant existence. The magazines, comics, pocket books, or whatever form the evil takes, are usually displayed in the most prominent positions on the racks. To think that they take precedence over writings of truth, beauty, and common sense! Invariably the covers display a partly clothed or suggestive picture of a woman which is also calculated to attract the customer's attention. In addition to that, some amazing article, claiming a still more amazing revelation, is brazenly advertised on the cover; a direct insult to the intelligent person. By these methods, the publishers admit the weakness of their publications, and confess that they must stoop to base means in order to sell the product; and yet, they are able to rejoice in the fact that countless thousands are seduced into buying and reading the stuff by just these revolting means.

It is not merely enough to admit that these publications are obscene, and that they are making a tremendous contribution to the distortion of true values which is so evident in our society. The seriousness of the degeneracy that has been and will be spread by illicit magazines and papers must be fully realized. The most serious attitude they are foisting on the complacent, the unwary, and the uneducated, is a distorted notion of human love. According to the thought expressed in these publications, love is purely a physical phenomenon. There can be no such thing as sin or evil in the relationships between the sexes. That is explained away by the theory that certain social problems

among men and women are merely accidents, incidents caused by maladjustment, or poor environmental conditions. What they really try to do is rationalize sinful practices so that they will come to be acknowledged as necessary by society. Hedonism, which sets up physical pleasure as a standard of right conduct, is what is being fostered by such salacious writing, and what is being accepted as a good philosophy by society.

Besides the false ideas of love and sex which prevail in all such publications there is a terrible debasement of the dignity of womanhood. They are taking woman, one of whom God chose to be His Blessed Mother, and are presenting her to the world as nothing more than a physical being whose only good is to contribute to man's pleasure in whatever way he desires. Their advertisements blare that passion is the goal, and they exemplify woman as that around which passion ebbs and flows. They make every possible effort to make little of woman's chief attribute, the dignity of motherhood, and at the same time, contradict the unalterable truth that woman has a soul which makes her a cherished creature of her Creator.

It may be wondered why so much concern is being evinced over this modern malignancy. The many evils which threaten this generation are being rationalized by the conservatives as being no more fearful than those which hover over previous generations. It is true that there has been rotteness, filth, and pandering in all ages. But they who spread the corruption were once looked upon as evil doers, as sources of perversity and sin, and were thereby denounced. Now, however, they no longer disgust, but rather they appeal. It is understandable why there might be immoral propaganda printed; but it is difficult to understand, and more difficult to forgive, a nation which professes principles of decency, and yet caters to the corrupters by reading material opposed to decency. There is the problem, and there, too, is the answer to it. If the insidious literature was not read, it would not be printed. And who reads it? Since we call ourself a Christian nation it must be the followers of Christ who are making this campaign, which must, indeed, be led by Satan himself, so successful.

The horrors which can be envisioned by this menace to Christian living are impossible to exaggerate. What worse could happen to a country than to be swallowed in the abyss of its own perversity? Is it not startling, therefore, to realize that little has been done to check the flood of

immorality promoted by the volume of illicit publications? How can Christians look upon the danger with such indifference? Day after day we are reminded of the threat, yet day after day not a single protest finds its way to public notice. Where are our minds that we may realize and understand the danger? Where are our voices that we may raise them in united protest against an evil which both insults and injures? Where are our consciences that we can continue in such diffidence? Were we not warned by Christ himself. "I know thy works; thou art neither cold nor hot. I would that thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm, I am about to vomit thee out of my mouth."

What is needed is a modern crusade. A crusade of Christians in a concerted effort to defeat a pernicious enemy slowly destroying us from within. Let there be a crusade in every locality festering with the disease being spread by publications unfit for the most pagan reader. Let the clarion call go out to every Christian to unite with his neighbour in a common effort to erase the filth and falsity from the literature of the day. There can be no delay. The evil is apparent. The hour critical. The number of Christians, soldiers of Christ, is legion; there is no dearth of leaders (or is there?) Indeed, let it begin here at St. Dunstan's. It is youth particularly at whom this paganism is aimed. As young and eager men and women we ought to be the most vigorous. As students we have an obligation to defend truth against its would-be perverters. Who better can alert the world? For all who take up the cause, action must be the watchword.

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### THE WHY AND THE WHEREFORE EXPLAINED

Have you ever sat down in a quiet place, and, in deep and somewhat unconscious contemplation, wondered what is the actual meaning of the common and yet obscure term "education?" I have done just that, but I have followed up my curiosity and have found the answer contained in the most edifying book I ever read.

Here is a book which provides enlightenment on the topic of education, not only for those pursuing it but also for the teachers and directors of education. It is necessary for the student to know the meaning of education so that he may undertake the proper functions of a student and also necessary that the teacher have the same knowledge