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NOTRE DAME, IND. (UPI) — Gold stars on the University of Notre Dame's service flag have risen to 288, exactly triple the number of students and alumni who lost their lives in World War I.

In memory of those killed, as well as the 30 Notre Dame men listed as "missing in action" and 28 prisoners of war, the Rev. William T. Grindstaff, C.C.C., prefect of religion, has instituted weekly "casualty days" at the University. Each Thursday morning the entire student body offers Mass and Communion for that intention.

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Small Sins Are Mighty Dangerous

"Termites," shouted the African as his house collapsed. Unbelievable? Believe it or not it's true. The white ants of Africa destroy everything that lies in their path; yet they are merely insects. We are sins; but they, too, can cause great discomfort. It's the little things that count. Remember the story of the Dutch boy with his finger in the hole in the dike? A little thing like that saving a country!

Scripture also tells us that it's the little things that count. "He that neglects small things shall fall little by little" (Ecclesiastes 10:1). It is not the usual thing for anyone suddenly to become very good or very bad. People generally become vicious first in the small things; then vicious, or the habit of good, is weakened in the soul. When the grace of God is to some extent withdrawn, the first strong temptation overwhelms the soul.

The devil is a clever fellow. He does not at first assail the servant of God in large matters. He is too smart for that! Little by little, in small, seemingly unimportant things, he does his work better than if he had begun with the larger matters. If he started with mortal sins, he would easily be perceived and packed off. This way he is unknowingly admitted.

Dr. Grimes says that in some ways there is more danger in small faults than in great ones. Dr. Chrysostom, too, says that small sins such as robbing and negligences and, as we take little account of them, we never rid ourselves of them and they often do us great harm.

Dr. Augustus compared these little faults to a leak in a ship. "What matters it whether it is a little or a great leak that penetrates the ship so that it is to founder? I care not for one more than the other, for it all comes to the same in the end." (Catholic Herald-Citizen, December 1944.)

Unlike Judas

Following is one of those litany poems for so many scholastics we must be grateful to Catholic writers like the well-known Rome Borgia. Of course, there is always the difficulty of translating a play upon words which come well in French and Latin rather than in English, but even though the idea is there, and it is the idea we wish to put on record,

"I was present," writes Borgia in a French newspaper, "at a sacrifice given by a hundred little boys in a parish of Paris. This sacrifice was poor and so was the church. When I entered the Curia, I was told, relating the treason of Judas who sold his Master. He ended his narrative,

Judas was filled with despair, this history of himself. Immediately one of the youngest among the boys stepped forward and said that he had something to say.

"I do not ask any question," said the priest, "but what is the name of the saint?"

"I would have asked him the name of the saint, replied,

"I would have begged my self to the last of good Jesus."

"None of the little ones laughed at the saint, but most of them understood better and felt as if their hearts were ready to burst."

"I am sorry for the saint," said the priest, "but I am sorry for the people who have been led to believe that the saint is a saint."

'Nothing Funny'—In Children's Comics

(From the Pilot, Boston)

A generation ago, "dime novels" were contraband in well-ordered families. Printed on the cheap at pulp, these trashy "detective stories" introduced children to an unreal world. It was not, their parents thought, a healthful world. These fathers and mothers of an older day knew none of the modern psychiatric terms. But as expert amateur psychologists, they reviled not "Nick Carter," "Old Sleuth" and the other two-guns-wielding who shot their way through the yellow-covered "dime novels" of yesterday.

And in ordering this train off the premises, our parents were right. The raw stuff kept children awake nights. Addicted to liked school, did poorly in their classes. Naturally the multiplication tables seemed tortuous after a night of killing Indians on the Western plains.

Now we have the "children's comics." And our first objection to "Dick Tracy" and other lineage descendants of "Old Sleuth" is that the very form instinutes a lie. These "comics" are not funny. They don't even try to be funny.

A second item against them is that, brightly and lavishly pictorial, they etch a much sharper and clearer impression. They are remembered much longer. And, by an valid psychological principle, is it fair to a child mind to picture a man falling with a bullet in his heart? And if you show a body being consumed in the flames of a burning building, what is the effect on an imaginative ten-year-old?

We might as well keep on hand complete this bill of particulars . . . there are female characters in some of these "comic" tropical adventures. In an evident wish to make these auxiliary figures as comfortable as possible in these haunted places, the cartoonists represent them in dress which would render protest if the illustrations appeared in "Ecce Homo." But there are "comic strips." So the question suggests itself—is the artist really seasoning the dish with a little paprika? If it is done by deliberate intent, this parade of quarter-dressed women through the panels of some modern "comic strip," the artist responsible

guilty of literal deviety. Children read these things. And if no law now extant can touch the perpetrators, they may feel assured that some day account will be squared. Christ has promised a very special hell for the scandalizers of little ones.

The parents of a generation ago and they were not prudes, they hadn't the slightest wish to deprive their children of any legitimate recreation wouldn't allow "dime novels" in the house. The majority of the modern "child comics" are far more artfully calculated to throw an immature mind off balance. And it is the immature who read this stuff—that's a point to be kept well in mind!

There is no law to cover this case passed. So, parents, take that and probably no such law would folder of comics your boy or girl is pouring over, as absorbedly. Read it yourself. If in your judgment, it is improper food for a young mind, get rid of it and don't allow any more in the house. Then, to fill the vacuum, go through the shelves of any good bookstores and find something that's fit for your child to read. As parents, as father and mother of the man that is to be, you owe that to your child.

Urge Veterans' Guidance Bureau in Every Diocese

ALBANY (UPI) — Creation of a veterans' guidance bureau in every diocese were urged here by the Evangelist, official organ of Albany diocese.

Contending that priests are well equipped to offer personal counsel and guidance to returning service men, the Evangelist said: "While there will be splendid veteran agency services available, it will remain to the veteran's honor and to that of the pastoral office if every priest becomes well posted on veterans affairs and benefits."

The Catholic weekly stressed that guidance will be a very real need, especially in the field of educational and vocational bene-

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