



## Editorial Comment

### **HOW GODLESS IS THE STATE UNIVERSITY?**

The other evening we settled down to a pleasant interlude with the Annual of one of the branches of the State University. Or we thought it would be pleasant.

Annuals usually make agreeable reading. They are gotten out with much trouble and expense. Careful preparations are made. The "best brains" of the student body with capable faculty supervision, work for months to produce a book that the graduates can treasure for all future years.

*But after a few minutes perusal, we put the book down. We felt empty, sad, even indignant. This Annual of the State University, supported largely by the money of Juan dela Cruz, taxpayer, and supposedly representative of the best thought and highest sentiments of the Catholic Philippines, did not mention even once in all of its pages the Lord of the Universe, Almighty God.*

*But students are often forgetful, you may say, and we should not blame them too much for what was probably just a careless oversight.*

Would that it were so! But no, the book was not entirely the work of the students. It had been supervised by the Faculty. It featured prominently messages and speeches by high officials.

The first Message, penned by His Excellency the President of the Philippines, urged the young graduates to "meet the challenge," "make yourselves useful to the country." How is this to be done? Mr. Quirino gives us answer, "Only a resolute will and complete faith in our destiny can make us succeed. . . ." Has the President never heard of Divine Providence?

*In the front of the book is a message from the President of the University of the Philippines. It is completely naturalistic. We wonder the distinguished Doctor Gonzales has ever heard of Divine Providence which rules the destiny of the universe, and of every individual student.*

*Then follows a message from the President of one of the U.P. alumni associations. Similarly Godless.*



*Then comes the Dean's message. Completely in the same vein.*

We scan the succeeding pages. Another speech of the State University's President is featured. But we find it just another piece of Godless verbiage.

We continue to read. Interspersed among the countless pictures of fresh-eyed, attractive youth, we find stories, essays, verse, varying in skill and readability, but all alike in the one point that all completely omit any mention of the Creator, any expression to indicate that the students realize in the least the Divine Fatherhood of God, the existence of a Divine Lawgiver, the omnipresence of the Divine Spirit dwelling in the universe.

*And to cap the climax, this Annual contains one story that is blasphemously atheistic, in an Institution composed mainly of Catholic students, supported largely by the money of Catholic taxpayers.*

*How long must we Catholics tolerate this state of affairs in our vaunted State University?*

Protestants, Mosons, Aglipoyans and other non-catholics claim he is on their side — is, this spineless, unprincipled, vacillating, weak-kneed, double-dealing jellyfish of a man called the LIBERAL catholic.

In the recent discussion on divorce, for instance, the Code Commission claimed millions of Filipinos among them Protestants, etc., . . . and Liberal Catholics believe that under certain circumstances absolute divorce should be authorized by law.

*Truth is the LIBERAL catholic is on nobody's side. In every question he recognizes only one side — the SELF side. He is neither catholic nor non-catholic, but he bends where the wind blows. Christ called him a "reed shaken by the wind". The Liberal Catholic is a "worm and no man" who wants to save his soul and gain the whole world in the bargain. He adores God and the mammon of iniquity at the same time.*

Christ said, "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent bears it away." The Liberal Catholic would compromise with the world and Christ. He would make Calvary a trip to Jerusalem and the crucifixion a date at the Riviera. He would win heaven lying in a cushioned bed not on his knees.

But will he?

It is written in the Apocalypse: "I know thy works, that thou art neither hot nor cold. I would thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm . . . I will begin to vomit thee out of my mouth." (3: 15-16)