One early morning, not long ago, Brian de Valera, brilliant and popular third son of the famous Irish President, rode horseback in Phoenix Park, Dublin. As he galloped along with a companion, the overhanging limb of a tree suddenly struck him from his horse. Very shortly after they picked him up, he was dead.

Messages of sympathy poured in upon his renowned family. The Holy Father, President Roosevelt, King Edward VIII, the Papal Nuncio to the Free State, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, diplomats, statesmen—all sent expressions of condolence. A whole nation sorrowed and the great of the earth bowed before the young man's bier.

President de Valera himself, with his two sons, kept prayerful night watch at the coffin. A cortège two miles long accompanied the remains to the cemetery. Places of business were closed. All flags were at half mast.

Observe the sentence that got black headlines in the Catholic Irish press: "HE RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION THAT MORNING." The young man knew how to protect himself, not against death to the body, but against death to the soul. That was consolation supreme to the Catholic father and his family in their hour of heavy grief.

Some day you too are going—maybe tomorrow, or a month, or a year, or some years from today. Will it matter much what the world says if you go in mortal sin? Let daily Holy Communion keep you always ready and let it bring a President's consolation to you family at the hour of your death!

If you think brilliant scholars do not succeed in business, read this:

"Dr. Hugh A. Smith of the University of Wisconsin recently engaged in a two-year research, studying the records of 1800 graduates who had been out in life from 15 to 45 years to find out just how the good, bad and mediocre students in this list had really turned out. His findings knocked into a cocked hat the notion that the brilliant student in college is likely to fail in practical life.....As Professor Smith says: 'If a man was high in one list, he was almost invariably high in the other; and if low in one, low in the other.' But the most striking development from the study came when, from the list of 1800, a separate list was made up of the 97 who were considered 'the most worthy, successful or eminent.' Another list was made up of the 55 who had the highest grades. The astonishing thing is that these two lists contained 87 names in common! From these and other studies, it is evident that the man with high college achievements has statistically a much greater chance of achieving business or professional success than has the mediocre or dull student." (---From "Reader's Digest," January, 1938.)

Reverent Emphasis.

The free and abandoned use of profanity is not only contrary to the law of God, but is also a very good "auge of an individual's mental poverty in the art of self-expression. Profanity is a stupid way of carrying ourselves through situations that overwhelm our powers of expression. And, to be sure, it is always accompanied by a loss of temper which makes our conduct all the more ridiculous. We have in the English language words to take care of us in every circumstance.....The man who commands this storehouse of words...can say effective things within the boundaries of reverence. (---From The Ave Maria.)