Better That A Millstone...

Whether you care to admit it or not, you as a Notre Dame man are a leader in the eyes of thousands of Catholic boys. Letters pour in during the year from high schools and grade schools all over the country emphasizing that fact. Here is a recent note from the eighth-graders of Notre Dame School, 1338 Oregon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois:

"At the close of this scholastic year, our banner year at Notre Dame School, we wish to pay a loving tribute to our big Notre Dame Brothers, our heroes, our models whom we so much admire. We have been striving to imitate their love for the Holy Eucharist, their devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and their loyalty to Alma Mater.

"Our great ambition during the past year has been to make our school a 'Little Notre Dame' by the daily reception of Holy Communion. We, too, have a Grotto in the lower church where at the feet of Our Lady of Lourdes we love to pray. Before the Eucharistic Throne, we daily recite the Rosary and especially during this month do we endeavor to honor our Immaculate Queen.

"As regards sports, we joined the grammar school baseball tournament and are happy to inform you that we won the trophy. We attribute our success to Our Lady of Lourdes.

"...Our beloved Father Tardiff, S.S.S., Spiritual Director of our school, faithfully sends us the numbers of the Religious Bulletin that will benefit us. Before me now hangs on our bulletin board, posters, cleverly arranged by our kind Father, illustrating certain practical excerpts from the Notre Dame Bulletin.

"Perhaps some of us may one day be Notre Dame men. Meanwhile, we raise our banner high in praise and tribute to our Big Brothers!

"With profound respect and gratitude we humbly sign ourselves, "The Baby Brothers of Notre Dame School, "por Peter Mascari, Eighth Grade."

Your congratulations (and ours) to the Baby Brothers at Notre Dame School! You see? Your conduct, especially this summer, will, inevitably, do much good, or it will work —woe to you if it does—irreparable evil. To realize your responsibility consider these withering words of Christ:

"And he that shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But he that shall scandalize one of those little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea."

Adults Too Will be Watching.

An exclusive issue of a Saint Louis parish paper outlined not long ago the Notre Dame "system" of religious training. Grown parishioners were urged to adopt that system. For months the pastor of that parish had been watching a certain group of Notre Dame men. He had studied them at the Communion rail and during their Thanksgiving. Their devotion to the Sacraments and their manly piety convinced him that they knew "what it was all about." He himself talked to the Notre Dame men, found them respectful and friendly, anxious to help in his parish. That's why he wrote urging the Notre Dame training.

Not so much by your talk as by your conduct, you will be "gathering" souls with Christ this summer, or you will be scattering them to perdition. You can't escape the eyes that will be upon you. Be a true son of Notre Dame!

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Edward Walder, Jr., '33. Ill, friend of Tom Murphy (Howard); friend of Louis Somors (O.C.); sister of Hubert Kirchman (Lyons). Two special ints.