

THE LETTER from George Powell (Jan. 5) about the Hathaway boy living with his handicapped parents must have an answer. I would say first that I think Powell's purpose was to get his name in

the paper, even if he had to write to a paper far away from his own home (a Philadelphia suburb). It is quite obvious that is what he set out to do.

How could anyone not close-

ly connected with the Hathaway case have the nerve to offer an opinion on the situation? Does he think our Welfare Department does not check on the family regularly?

If he wanted to do something constructive, I would suggest he take an active part in his own community affairs and let us attend to ours.

I am blind and I certainly have no trouble raising my own children. A handicap is only what the individual affected makes out of it. Everyone is handicapped in one form or another. It is obvious to me that he is handicapped in a much greater way than I am.

HE TOOK THE liberty of giving the people of Akron his advice, and I would like to give him some. If he has any children, he had better thank whatever God he worships that he has been so blessed and pray that he will be deserving of them.

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Happiness Important Also

WE DEFINITELY must give credit to Mr. George B. Powell that he does not advocate killing people with physical defects outright, as some ancient tribes did and as Hitler revived that idea.

But Mr. P. is thinking about the child's happiness. He may be assured the child will go to school, learn like all the others enough about Darwin and Kinsey to get his mental damage. He even will visit some modern house of worship where he will find God tied and gagged, to prevent Him from saying things that would hurt the feelings of the men and

women who are the financial backbone of the congregation.

But happiness is something completely different. It stems from giving and receiving affection and from doing things for each other (without thinking of material rewards). And that, my dear Mr. P., I dare say, this 4½-year-old child gets enough from his parents.

SO PLEASE LEAVE him alone. Look for child neglect among parents who go so much to PTA meetings and church affairs that they haven't got enough time to look after their own offspring.

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