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From the Survey.

I.

"I have no companions. I had one, who caused me to lose faith in all."

You are making a mistake if you lose faith in Notre Dame men. It is the rare exception here who betrays you. Look about; see who gets most joy out of Notre Dame life. You will find that those who trust most receive most in return.

II.

"Holy Communion is an inspiration not to be abused. I cannot object to daily Communion because the Pope's seal is upon it. Whether it helped me or not I cannot say. I noticed no difference."

You are too easily satisfied. If Our Blessed Lord himself, the Catholic Church and the majority of your companions say that it should help you, and you notice no difference, you should not rest content till you find out why. Tune up your faith. You'll be out of key with the angelic choir when you get to heaven.

III.

Why should ones with the best of intentions for daily Communion always quit after several mornings because of the fear of unworthy reception?"

You quit because you believe the devil rather than your confessor. Such fears are scruples and should be despised. Lay the whole matter before your confessor, and follow his advice absolutely.

IV.

"My companions at home are more agreeable. The variety is very great here. The disagreeable quality is found mostly among Easterners."

V.

"I have never been drunk and I don't intend to get that way at any time. The parish in which I made my First Communion forbade the taking of a pledge. We had fewer drunks than parishes where it was taken. I think teetotalers are fanatics of the same category as the Anti-Saloon League. I have drunk very little while at Notre Dame. I think something of my health. We had beer, wine and other liquors at home. I have tried them all but I have no craving for them. To me a man who don't smoke, don't drink, etc., is a fanatic and bears watching. He is not normal. I do not believe that a Total abstinence Society at Notre Dame would make those nincompoops who get drunk at Homecoming and class dances stop drinking. All you can do for the fool is pray for him."

VI.

"The Log Chapel has been my biggest help. There is something I like about it, and when I am homesick or troubled I go there and tell my troubles to God and receive His help."