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The End Of the Road.

The curtain will be ~~run~~ tomorrow on the practical Catholicity of a lot of Catholics. They will refuse the 1st opportunity the Church offers them to remain in her fold, and they will cut themselves off from the right of Christian burial. It may not mean a lot to them, but it will be a tragedy to their mothers.

Two years ago a priest was called to administer the Last Sacraments to a man who for fifty years had lived apart from the Church. He had five children and twelve grandchildren, none of them Catholics. His wife was very gracious to the priest, and promised to notify him in case of death. Three days later he saw in the daily papers that the man had died and would be buried by the Elks after a service at the Methodist Church. The priest was inclined at first to interfere in behalf of the rights of the dead man, but he decided to let it go---as an example to his parishioners. And he was right. Although by the grace of God the man had made an act of Contrition with his last breath, it was only fitting that he should lie in the grave he had dug for himself.

The Questionnaires.

A questionnaire that came in yesterday was one of the best received this year. If the lazy-bones who made it out had waited another week, the world would have been created of some very inspiring matter. RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE! It is hardly and more a matter of option with your conscience. You have seen enough of the comment excited by the Survey to realize that you have a public duty in the matter. People look forward each year to this treatise on Catholic theology and psychology. Your laziness in this matter is quite too selfish.

Prayers.

Sebastian Miller asks prayers for his grandmother who died Thursday, and George Gettler for his father who died the same day. A student asks prayers for his father's business, which is threatened with disaster. Three students ask prayers for special intentions, three for deceased relatives or friends, and four for sick persons. Leo St. John asks a continuance of prayers for his father, who is still in critical condition.

Two Rebuilt Romances.

During the Christmas holidays a former student asked the Prefect of Religion to marry him to a non-Catholic girl, stating that his pastor had refused permission for the marriage. You can imagine the answer he got. A wedding invitation received this week states that the marriage will be performed in the church, which means that the girl has become a Catholic.

Another student writes: "You may recall that three years ago I spoke to you about a young lady who was something more than a friend. As I promised you then, I broke with her because she was not a Catholic. If loved died then, it has been reborn---and in a new world. She is to be baptized next Sunday. Please have the boys say a prayer for her."

The Practical Resolution for the Summer.

There are all sorts of suggestions in the air at this time as remedies for vacation madness. There is just one practical resolution to take? Live close to God. If you have made use of your opportunities at Notre Dame, you know how to do this.

Early Communion these Days.

If you are going swimming or going home you won't have to miss Holy Communion. Ring the buzzer at the door of the Corin Chapel and you will be accommodated at any time. It's not so good to take a train or auto, or to go swimming, without having received Our Blessed Lord.

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