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Meat Once Today.

Today is an Ember Day. If you had bacon and eggs for breakfast you can restrict yourself to shad roe for dinner and sardines and paneakes for supper. The new privilege permits the use of meat at only one meal on fast days.

The Green Slips Will Help.

The reports for the late disastrous quarterlies are in process of preparation in the office of the Director of Studies. Green slips will be used for the reports of the students placed on probation. Approximately five hundred green slips will be issued.

This will help clear the spiritual atmosphere. Not all of the academic delinquents, of course, are spiritual laggards, but the proportion is high; and while some of the boys who knock down the magna cum laude's are incipient apostates, the proportion is low. (The Bulletin seldom concerns itself with this latter group -- who wouldn't read it if it did; it has, however, wasted a lot of ammunition on the academic liabilities, many of whom read it as they would a funny paper, hoping some day to find something funny in it.)

We will have to wait until February for relief, but the relief is surely in sight. Heaps of the green slip boys are pulling out early. They feel that as long as they have not exhausted the supply of nine cuts they are free to go; the fact that they can't make up work (see the bulletin of the Director of Studies) worries them not at all -- they wouldn't work if they were here. They would really do well to buy one-way tickets and save the folks the round-trip fare next month, but they are so accustomed to putting things off and hoping for a "break" that they will not face the inevitable now.

Accident Month.

From December 15 to January 15 the run of accidents is unusually high. Holiday traffic jams, bad weather, and festive spirits make a bad combination for safety. And in recent years we have had three student deaths from such accidents during the major holiday seasons of Christmas, Easter, and June. You should know enough by now to take out the only accident policy that amounts to anything when you come to die: receive the Sacraments before you start for home.

You can't receive the Sacraments, however, if you are making holiday plans that include mortal sin. If you intend to make an ass of yourself on the way home or at dances during the holidays, or if you are returning to an occasion of sin with the intention of sinning, you lack the purpose of amendment necessary for confession; indeed, you are in mortal sin from the moment you form the intention to commit a mortal sin.

Prayers.

Two special intentions are recommended to your prayers; two deceased relatives of Jos. O'Hora; Leo Hagerty, a deceased alumnus.

The Lepers.

Total receipts for the lepers this year amount to seven dollars. That is not so good. This is Advent, a time of sacrifice. -- Two urgent cases of local poverty have been brought to our attention; fifteen dollars have been contributed towards the merry Christmas of three children whose mother, a college graduate and a wonderfully refined woman, has been reduced from opulence to dire poverty.