

There's a Hole In Your Stocking.

Mend it before you go home. Your Christmas can't hold any real joy if you are not in the state of grace. And that's not applesauce. Try it out if you wish. You will come back and say, "That's not the half of it."

Ember Days.

If you are eating on the train tomorrow call for the baked white fish at one of the meals; you are allowed only one meat meal tomorrow -- and none today.

Afraid To Go Home?

Many student has found himself in a predicament about going home to a possible occasion of sin after a real spiritual awakening in the fall. If you are in that frame of mind, the best thing for you to do is to ask a priest for advice that will cover your particular case. The following general observations will be found beneficial:

1. If physically possible, keep up daily communion. It may shock the daylighters out of the town gossips, but a good shock will do more to cure than kill them.
2. If daily Communion is not possible, at least go when you can, and on days when you can't receive, recite the rosary and make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin. A booklet of such visits will be found at the pamphlet rack.
3. Make up your mind. No gang and no girl are more important to you than the salvation of your soul. Every day during the holidays there will be several accidents in which young fellows and young girls will be sent into eternity without time for so much as an Act of Contrition. You don't want to pass before the Judgment Seat of God with liquor on your breath.
4. Shovel snow. Husky exercise takes care of many temptations, it prevents much of the biliousness that comes of holidays feasting, and forestalls the colds and other ills that overcrowd the infirmary every January. And doing chores around the house will make the folks think that you really are glad to be home -- if they survive the shock.

If you are in earnest you will find that these remedies work; others have found that they do. You need not be afraid if you do what is right. "Ficenti quod in se est, Deus non Denegat gratiam", is an old Scholastic axiom; "To one who does what in him lies, God does not deny His grace."

"Broken Homes."

This pamphlet and its twin, "The Tangle of Marriage", have at last arrived. Freshmen are picking them off the rack so fast that there will probably be none left when Father Murray's Sociology students come to look for them.

Charity.

A check for twenty-five dollars will be sent today to St. Vincent's Orphanage, Santa Fe, New Mexico. It represents some recent charity contributions of students. The lepers are still sadly neglected.

PRAYERS are requested by a sophomore for his brother, who is quite ill.