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Fast Day.

Tomorrow is a fast day; you are allowed meat at only one meal.

How I Made His Acquaintance.

I had heard much of Him but took no heed.  
He sent daily gifts and presents, but I never thanked Him.  
He often seemed to want my friendship, but I remained cold.  
I was hopeless, and wretched, and starving, and in peril every hour;  
and He offered me shelter and food and comfort and safety; but I  
was ungrateful still.

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At last He crossed my path and with tears in His eyes He besought me  
saying, "Come and abide with Me."

Let me tell you how He treats me now.  
He supplies all my wants.  
He gives me more than I dare ask.  
He anticipates my every need.  
He begs me to ask for more.  
He never reminds me of my past ingratitude.  
He never rebukes me for my past follies.

Let me tell you further what I think of Him.  
He is as good as He is great.  
His love is as ardent as it is true.  
He is as lavish with His promises as He is faithful in keeping them.  
He is as jealous of my love as He is deserving of it.  
I am in all things His debtor, but He bids me call Him Friend.

-- The Ecclesiastical Review (Anon.)

Novena for Exams -- And An Apology.

The mid-semester tests begin next Monday. The Novena for them should have begun last Saturday. We beg pardon for not announcing it sooner; we didn't because some freshman from Iowa borrowed our catalog in September and must not have finished it yet because he hasn't brought it back. -- To make a Novena you say the same prayer for nine consecutive days -- whatever prayer you wish. At Notre Dame we receive Holy Communion as well on those days.

There's A Strong Wind Coming.

There is an excessive amount of chaff here this fall; let's hope that the exams next week will be vicious enough to blow a good lot of it away.

Prayers.

John Scanlon asks prayers for his uncle, who died yesterday. Two persons who are ill and three special intentions are recommended. -- The best way to respond to these appeals for prayers is to make a general intention, which it would be well to renew each day, to include in all your prayers the intentions recommended by students.

Novena for the Poor Souls.

A Novena of Masses will be said, beginning next week, for the souls of your departed relatives and friends. Hand in the names of those you wish remembered. Place the names in an envelope to be mailed to the Prefect of Religion or left in the church.