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Why Bring That Up?

Some years ago gave the following very satisfactory explanation of the origin of a certain type of French literature: "When these authors quit going to confession they wrote their confessions in their books." The change had one glaring defect (in addition to the personal inconvenience of not getting absolution): in confession one is held strictly to the truth.

Some of your unshriven friends may attempt to emulate these authors. You will find an effective muffler for them at the pamphlet rack. Carry a deck in your pocket. Don't let any poor fish spoil your dinner.

What Didn't You Know?

Religious arguments during the holidays lay bare a vast area of unexplored ignorance. If you will send in the questions you were unable to answer the <u>Bulletin</u> will attempt to supply your lack of information.

Pittsfield, Westfield, or South Framingham?

The South Station, Boston, is holding for its owner a sheepskin coat left in a Pullman of the Metropolitan Club special. None of the Bostonese would claim it when the train pulled in, so its owner must be from one of the villages of the Outside World between Albany and Wellesley Hills. Write to the Lost and Found Dept., South Station, if you think there is any more cold weather coming this winter.

Catch Up On Sleep....

but do it at night; that's what the night is for. Don't be like the little girl who told her daddy when he wanted her to take her nap: "But, daddy, I had my nap this morning, in church." He was enough of a theologian to tell her she missed Mass and she replied: "No, it was all right: I slept during the sermon."

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Some one remarked that it was too bad the probationers didn't have those little cards to hand up to the head of the table the first meal home. It's just as well they didn't have them. Temptation is the one thing so many people can't stand, and the temptation to be funny with the head of the house may bring difficulties if you expect to spend much time under the same roof with him.

Prayers.

The mother of Wm. J. Sullivan, Jr. and Jos. Sullivan, '28, died New Year's Day after a brief illness. Howard (?) Binz, of Minneapolis, a former student, died a few weeks ago. A telegram delayed in delivery conveys the information that Francis Drugan's father died Christmas Eve. Three persons Ill. Four special intentions.

Novena For Health.

We are just entering a bad season for sickness. We have been singularly blessed at Notre Dame this year, and we want to ask a continuance of God's blessing in this regard. A Novena for good health will begin tomorrow; include your family and relatives as well as Notre Dame in your prayers for this intention. During the nine days receive Holy Communion and say some prayer; the Litany of the Blessed Virgin is suggested, as our Lady of Lourdes is a powerful friend of the sick.