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Questions From the Questionnaire.

28. Is there any way of prolonging temporal life?

Ans. Ask the doctor.

29. Why do some students insist on wasting food in the dining hall?

Ans. That is a matter of home training. Children who have not been taught at home to respect the rights of others may be a long time overcoming their thoughtless selfishness. If you have had good home training, thank God for it every day of your life.

30. If all Scripture (Old and New Testaments) were lost to the world, could the Catholic Church justify its existence?

Ans. Certainly. The Catholic Church existed before the New Testament was written - in fact, it wrote the New Testament. Christ asked of His followers a reasonable faith; He would always be careful to preserve reasonable proofs of the authenticity of His revelation.

31. How can I meet a good, respectable South Bend girl who is on nearly an economic level with my family?

Ans. Purpose matrimony? You can't blame such girls for not wanting to meet students when they see that their older sisters or their neighbors who have gone with Notre Dame boys have been left on the shelf by fellows who married the girl back home. A girl's term of eligibility as a matrimonial prospect is usually somewhat limited. If you have no intention of marrying a girl, don't take her out of circulation during this time of her life. Let her spend her time with South Bend boys, among whom she will find her life partner.

32. Please say something about the sin of drunkenness. Some boys don't seem to regard it as sinful.

Ans. Drunkenness is a sin in itself, it is often an occasion of other sins, and it leads to sinful habits. It disturbs the reason and the will, the two faculties which principally distinguish us from animals; it is often accompanied by anger, quarreling, strife, cursing and vile language, impurity, theft and unjust damage, missing Mass, and so forth; it leads to habitual drunkenness, neglect of home duties, and the like. Anyone who can't see that it is a sin is too dumb to commit a mortal sin - and is certainly too dumb to get an education.

33. How can one hold to a strong moral code when confronted by the cruel world?

Ans. When St. Paul was troubled about that matter, he heard a voice that told him: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Prayer and Sacraments are the great means of grace. Store up grace now when you may for the conflicts that will come later.

34. What is the nature of happiness in heaven?

Ans. If you want to read a book that contains the answers to all the questions on this point that are in your mind, call at 141 Sorin Hall any night after 8:00.

35. If one signed the pledge but takes an occasional drink, but never drinks to excess, is that breaking the pledge?

Ans. Yes.

36. Why do you ask only about Catholic authors in question 38? It sounds narrow-minded.

Ans. We have plenty of information on your knowledge of other authors. We have blushed time and again when we have read the answers in previous surveys regarding your knowledge of literature.

PRAYERS: Deceased - an uncle of Robert Lee; a friend of a student. Ill - Sidney Eder, '26, critically injured in an auto accident; the father of Ray Broderick; a friend of a student. Three special intentions.