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The Value of a Half Hour.

Exams in the offing ought to make you groan over the time that you've squandered. Don't merely groan! Do something practical about it.

Resolutions planted in a heart softened by remorse often flourish afterwards like the ageless oak. To help you form a resolution on economizing your time, we reprint part of a letter recently published in an Eastern newspaper:

"How much can be accomplished by half hours. I am not asking you what you will do with the years or months or days of your life, but what of the half hours. Tell me the history of your half hours and I will tell you the story of your whole life on earth and the story of your whole life in eternity. Look out for the fragments of time. They are pieces of eternity. It was the half hours between shoeing horses that made Elihu Burritt the learned blacksmith; the half hours between his duties as schoolmaster that made Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice, and the half hours between canal boats that made James A. Garfield, President.

"The half hour a day for good books or bad books, the half hour a day for prayer or indolence, the half hour a day for helping others, or blasting others; the half hour that makes the difference between the scholar and the ignoramus, between the Christian and the infidel, between the saint and the demon, between triumph and catastrophe, between Heaven and Hell.

"The most tremendous things of your life and mine were certain half hours. You may forget the names of the exact years or most of the important events of your existence, but those half hours will be immortal.

"I do not query what you will do with the twentieth century. I do not query what you will do with 1935, but what will you do with your next half hour? Upon that hinges your destiny."

Novena and Octave.

Remember that the Novena for exams starts tomorrow morning, the Church Unity Octave the day after.

Write down the names of those whose conversion you will pray for. Drop your list into the sealed box at the Dillon or Sorin Pamphlet Rack. Those you mention will be remembered especially in the eight Masses to be said during the Octave.

Up every morning to daily Mass and Communion, earnest prayer at Mass and Communion--this makes an excellent Novena and Octave!

Don't let mere laziness cheat you and those you love out of the benefits of this period of united prayer!

At request of Philadelphia Club, Mass for John Levicki's father, deceased.

Did you know that a scientist at the University of Wisconsin recommends the eating of calves' brains as a cure for dumbness? He says calves' brains contain Vitamin B4 which builds up brain power. It's a fine break for the fellow who didn't study for exams!

PRAYERS: Deceased, grandmother of Tom Flynn (Walsh); grandmother of Prial Curran (Badin). Ill, Monsignor John P. Chidwick, chaplain of the S.S. "Maine". Paul Nichols hurt in auto accident; uncle of Jim Dutton (Alumni); father of off-campus student; friend of student. Nine special intentions.