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(deceased) cousin of Gene
Devine (Fr.); Mrs. Julia
Bowe, friend of Dan (Car.)
and John (Badin) Stack...

Tuesday Talk.

This student, a "Wrangler," had something on the ball when he said:

No nation is greater than the minimum right it gives to its least citizen.

This sentence is short but contains a whole thesis.

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Speaking (by implication) of the dictators, you may despise their mad methods, but one thing you must admit: what they set out to do, they do.

That should be your way when it comes to temptation. You must be a dictator. You must learn to lay down the law. You must crush within the kingdom of your own soul the first sign of rebellion against God's law. *** There is no other way to rout the first bad thought, look or gesture than by being a tyrant; no other way to retain or regain perfect purity than by being a dictator.

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Here's something else quite important in your spiritual life. Never cheapen the sacraments. It's easy but very dangerous. They are holy things, signs instituted by Christ himself to give grace. They demand intelligent use. They forbid abuse.

Take confession. Have you falsely assumed that Penance is the mere recital of sins to a priest to gain absolution? God forbid. What of true sorrow? Especially, what of your sincere purpose to amend?

Why bring this up? Well-- you can tell your sins every day till the last day and apparently receive absolution and you may be fooling yourself. This is not to scare you. But, just suppose. Take a case.

Here's Jake. "Now I'll commit this sin because I can get absolution at the end of the week anyway." Where's Jake's sorrow?

Or, there's Theodore. He makes no point

to avoid the occasions of sin. He always makes the same mistakes, never breaks up with bad companions, keeps "sticking his neck out." Where's his sincere amendment?

These are points for all but the scrupulous to ponder. If they leave you in doubt, consult your confessor. *** If you know your "sorrow" and "amendment" have been only perfunctory, you should ask advice about a general confession.

Your Penny-A-Day Fund is being split up this week and dispersed as follows:

To help Bill Santocki.....	\$ 20
St. Augustine's colored mission, South Bend.....	20
St. Theresa's mission, east of the stadium.....	20
Holy Cross colored school, Austin, Texas.....	20
Mexican Refugee missions.....	20
The <u>Catholic Worker</u> breadline, 115 Mott Street, New York...	25
A disabled worker.....	35
Maryknoll Father Ed Barron of Korea, once of Badin Hall...	50
David Van Wallace.....	50
To help pay debts of a young man who desires to begin his studies for the priesthood..	<u>52</u>

Total disbursed..... \$312

The Bulletin is keeping open the account for Father Barron. In other years Notre Dame men have raised between \$150 and \$200.

And a special word about the DAVID VAN WALLACE FUND. Please remember the setup. A few days after he finished his freshman year here, Van broke his neck by a shallow dive in '23. HE HASN'T MOVED HIS LEGS ONE INCH THESE SIXTEEN YEARS. Last fall, at the games, he and Freddie Snite met. They are fast friends. Their everyday life is much the same. Now Freddie has sailed to Lourdes. Van's friends in Detroit and New York and elsewhere wish to send him, too. SLIP YOUR MITE UNDER THE DOOR: 107 Cav., 106 How., or 117 Dil.

PRAYERS: (deceased) (anniv.) father of Joe Rogers (Cav.); grandfather of Tom Foy (Off-campus); Chas. Whiteman; friend of Bob Kvatsak (Al.); aunt of Bob Shea (Dil.); R. E. O'Brien, cousin of M. (Al.) and Dick (Lyons) Leahy. Ill, friend of Pat Tofuri '36; grandfather of Carl Wiedelocher; (appendectomy) Miss Eileen McGee. Five special ints.