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Why Study (II)

If the student of neo-Thomism, for example, has not made knowledge his own, he is in no position to win over a hardy empiricist; the empiricist considers ponderous terminology sound without sense.

The empiricist is not interested--though the neo-Thomist indeed is, legitimately--in mediaevalists, forgotten or famous.

You--show--me...is what counts with the empiricist....not what the Angelic Doctor said.

Not that Aquinas or any authority is belittled by opposing philosophers of good will, but the neo-Thomist and not Saint Thomas himself must do the talking, the defining and distinguishing now!

So, making knowledge one's own for use is a leading answer to the simple question, Why study?

But a far more important answer is that study is indispensable to every man in college who hopes to form and fix in his mind a definite, formal, integral concept of life which in turn must form the basis of his daily conduct, his habitual outlook on people and things; in a word, his all-important philosophy of life.

Of and by itself study will not, of course, settle all the problems of life nor will it exclusively shape this philosophy.

Other determining factors include the objects of study and the manner in which they are taught and correlated, as well as the inescapable and quasi-determining influences of heredity and environment which invest every man with his special milieu and tradition and culture.

(To be continued in the Bulletin Monday.)

Next Weekend

The Second Annual Regional Conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held at St. Mary's College next Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday is attracting delegates from all over the midwest.... and from Notre Dame. Father John Lynch in Cavanaugh Hall has the information.

"The Bargain Indulgence."

A plenary indulgence is attached to the following prayer said after Mass:

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my good Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all my bones."

The above translation is taken from Breviary Prayers published by The Propagation of the Faith Society, 49 Franklin Street, Boston. (Two bindings; proceeds to the Society.)

To Be Reviewed

The Letters of Father Page, written by Father Gerald FitzGerald, C.S.C., superior of The Seminary of Our Lady of Holy Cross, North Easton, Mass.; and Through Hundred Gates (Bruce), short accounts of notable conversions to the Catholic Faith.

For Dick Stueve

Five Masses, to be said in Morrissey Hall at times stated by Father Woodward; the 7:20 Dillon Mass next Wednesday at the request of the Chemical Engineers; and tomorrow's 10:00 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church.

HAS EVERYBODY MADE HIS EASTER DUTY....?

(DECEASED) Mother of Mr. Edward Lalumier, friend of the University (Chicago); Matthew Duffy, uncle of Professor Moran; (ILL) Mrs. Mary Dabros, cousin of Ralph Postula (Al); Reverend Harold Hamilton (Caro, Michigan), friend of Eddie Mahen (Chemistry Hall)....