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More to Read.

There are excellent books including the most modern Catholic books and pamphlets at the Prefect of Religion libraries and pamphlet racks. We will publish a suggested list of books and pamphlets in the near future, meantime we will remind you that there have been added to the Prefect of Religion libraries: "Embezzled Heaven" (Werfel), "The Man Who Got Even with God" (Raymond) about a cowboy who became a Trappist, "The Keys of the Kingdom" (Cronin) though some might object to the latter. These and excellent pamphlets have been added. They make great week-end reading.

Speaking of reading and magazines, you will notice that certain "modern" flippant magazines are not sold at the University News Stand. Whenever the University thinks of including them for sale, along comes some obscene or blasphemous article or picture in one of them. The book-review section of one of them, in its endeavor to be sensational and to shock, recently ran with evident glee a quote from a book which ridiculed your religion. The magazine in its attempt to be "very, very, modern" has not caught up with the world's modern realization that religion is needed.

Notre Dame is old-fashioned and doesn't like to see the Mother of God or her Son insulted. It wouldn't be right to profit from the sale of insults and ridicule toward your religion, Christ, and Mary, would it? That's why you don't find certain magazines on the News Stand, - even when they have some article praising Notre Dame.

As we finished writing that, we were shown the current Saturday Evening Post article on Coach Leahy. We were especially pleased to see that the writer emphasized the 1930 leg injury which threatened oblivion to Coach Leahy at first, later brought a chain of "breaks". The football team at blessings has been told often that Our Lady never lets down anyone who suffers injury or disappointment in serving her.

The article quotes Mrs. Leahy as saying that "Frank didn't teach him (his son) to pray for the team to win but to pray that the boys wouldn't get hurt." That explanation is accurate, traditional and orthodox at Notre Dame and is the purpose of the team-blessing these many years and should be the intention of your prayers.

We remember the first blessing we ever gave to the basket-ball team. That night our face was red when the Captain during the game broke his arm right before our eyes. Prayers and blessings against injuries must be worthless, if not superstitious, some probably thought, but the Captain didn't think so. His confidence was rewarded too when a few years later he was asked to return to Notre Dame as assistant basket-ball coach.

Our Lady never lets anyone down who suffers injury or who sacrifices for her or her Son - and that certainly holds true in life, not just in football and basket-ball.

Sunday Notes

Some of you have been fainting Sundays in church. For your convenience and also for the convenience of those students who have to wait on table and yet desire a late sleep one morning a week at least, remember that Communion is distributed in Dillon Chapel outside of Mass between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock on Sundays and holy days.

The collection this Sunday is for the Missions all over the world. His Holiness Pope Pius XII is looking almost exclusively to generous America to support the world-wide Missions because contributions from other countries are cut off. In your gratitude for peace and the blessings of America and of your Faith, come through with an extra quarter or half-dollar.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Uncle of John J. Clark (Walsh); Father of Bert Baur '36. Ill: Brother of Jerry Feeney (O-C). 7 special intentions.