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Week-end Reveries Of The Prefect.

Let's see, what's coming next week. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday - that's the biggest event for next week. What would Notre Dame be without that Grotto?.... The spot about which a non-Catholic student once said: "That's one place, Padre, where a fellow is honest with himself,"...and that is what all of us need to be. There never would be any worry if we were honest with ourselves - and with her.

Have to get ready for Lenten Adoration too, with Lent only one week from next Wednesday...That means that we'll have some generous souls do soliciting early next week for Adoration...Has to be early in the week, at the end of the week there's the Carnival, nobody staying in then.

The last Lent for seniors--and for juniors too; never realized that before.

Lenten Adoration will probably go big with the seniors, as usual...gives them a chance to talk things over and plan, and this year the boys certainly have got plenty to talk over, the past and the future....Most of them will be ready though, please God. At the feet of Christ they'll learn to face a mean situation like a man. He faced plenty all His life for them.

Three months and they'll be gone!

Three months....that's not long to prepare for what's facing them. Three months to pack in reparation for any past sins, and to prepare for life,....maybe eternal life. Most of them will be ready, but there's a few there who have lost the old zip; they've been running away from difficulties so long and now they face the biggest problem of all....

They probably think, a few of them, that they are beyond the love of Christ...Well, their friends will be praying for them, and we'll get the nuns to remember them especially...It would be easy to forget the stray sheep and work on the others, but Christ doesn't want it that way. He, Himself, didn't work that way. He loves them more than even the "ninty-nine just", possibly because He suffered more for them.

The boys certainly look fine in their tails tonight getting ready for the Prom...There goes Jim and Dick, their last dance, leaving for the Air Corps tomorrow. Mary, protect them!..So many of them will be in uniforms soon. Wonder how they'll look...Will they have the same smile they have tonight? A lot of them will, at least inside... They'll have the courage of Christ in their heart, and no uniform or mud or blood can wipe that off. That's the kind of courage needed in war - or in peace.

According to this morning's "Trib" anchors are aweigh from here to Ioway. Too bad, many of the boys will miss the joys of falling out of a double-decker.

There's a wide-awake freshman, knows and appreciates the privilege of late distribution of Communion. So many of the freshmen this year are still in a daze.

We hope that boy just coming in won't think that he is accommodating us by hurrying up to Communion as we finish distribution to the rest. He's well-intentioned, and he probably thinks he's giving us a break to save distributing again, but any priest would much rather see him make a few minutes of recollection and of preparation, acts of humility, faith and love for the majestic God, Whom he is to receive.

Well, God bless them all even if they are thoughtless sometimes.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Hans Holland (Dil); uncle of John Cashman (B-P). Ill, Richard Billinghamurst (Bro); mother of Frank McManus (Bro); friend of John Alexander (Z); Dave Fischgrund; P.E. Coady '93 (ill, not deceased as previously reported).  
Six special intentions.