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Letters of Recommendation.

Sooner or later in life, college men write back to their Alma Mater for letters recommending them for jobs and responsible offices. And many firms write to Notre Dame for a judgment of a potential employee. An honest statement of truth is made in these letters. In many cases, the information desired is of a detailed nature: character, loyalty, honesty, religious practices, scholastic ability, disciplinary report.

In most instances, Thank God, a wholehearted recommendation can be given. In some letters only a mere negative recommendation is possible: "There have been no known violation of rules; seems to be a good Catholic". And there have been cases where nothing can be said in favor of the student because of scholastic and disciplinary irregularities.

So at the outset of the new scholastic year, convince yourself that every bit of good you do on the campus will be of profit to you later, and that every infraction of good order in the classroom or in the hall is held against you.

You are now building for the future.

The Prefect of Religion cannot give a character recommendation to a student who seldom presents himself at the Altar Rail, nor at morning prayer. It is well for you to know that some organizations place great importance on the student's regularity at the morning devotions.

The following letter speaks for itself:

"Dear Father: Recently I made application for enlistment in the Officer Candidate Class of the Marine Corps. I now find that it is essential for me to have a transcript of my college credits. I would appreciate it very much if you would forward these to me as soon as possible.

"I attended Notre Dame during the school year of 1929 - 1930, having enrolled in class for Mining Engineering. While my credits there are not many they are nevertheless essential for my enlistment.

"Each year I have come to regret more and more, the fact that my time at Notre Dame produced such little results in my favor. It's too bad that the knowledge we gather with the passing years cannot be imparted to the "teen-aged" college youths so that he may fully realize the valuable opportunity in his possession. However, that is water over the dam.

"You may be assured that if ever my boys attend college, they will fully realize, through my experience, just what they are there for. I trust my request may receive prompt attention. Thanking you, I remain ...

Your past is not overlooked when a firm is about to entrust you with a responsible task. Inquiries have been made about students and graduates who were graduated twenty years ago. Of course, you don't forget there is the Recording Angel in heaven, but don't forget the record you leave in the minds of men and institutions when you pass before them.

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