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Stupidity

"Stupidity implies a dullness of perception in judging, particularly about the Highest Cause, the Last End and Sovereign Good. This may come of natural incapacity, and this is not a sin. Or it may come of many burying his mind so deep in earthly things as to render his perceptions unfit to grasp the things of God, according to the text: 'The sensual man perceiveth not these things that are of the spirit of God:' and such stupidity is sin.

"Though no one wishes to be stupid, people still do wish for what leads to stupidity, by withdrawing their thoughts from things spiritual and burying them in things of earth. Though he would like to enjoy the pleasure without sin, still he chooses the sin and all its consequences. V (Fr. Rickaby, SJ)

Pink Slips--Their Causes

Downright laziness-- refusal to study is just another work for academic suicide, and another man's work will never add up to success.

Excessive social life - -The playboy gains success only by a miracle. A whirl of week-ends, movies and nightclubbing is sure to end in a scholastic headache.

Sin-- The man who is fighting a bad conscience cannot concentrate on his text books. A good confession is the best start for a return to success in study.

Lack of method in study-- There is such a thing as not knowing how to study, how to outline one's work and to tackle a problem. An hour or two of guidance can save a student with their weakness. His professors and fellow students will help him, if he but asks for assistance.

Bad Start-- A few freshman always find it difficult to leave behind them the high school way of doing things, but they catch up once they discover the college approach to their studies. These can be forgiven. The upperclassman deserves a deficiency slip if he puts off his outside reading, report writing and study until late in the semester.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Willard Jones, '25, brother of Herb Jones (Bus. Mgr. Ath): father of Al Wolicki (Sc. Bldg); brother of William O'Brien, '40: father of Philip Steropoli, '34: B.P. Sheehan. (Ill) Father of Frank Veit Jr., operation; brother of Dick Ryvar (St. Eds), operation; Gerald Jones, '22, seriously injured in accident in which his brother Willard was killed. Two special intentions.

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