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Obituary.

Dan Dillon, '04; Harris Taylor, LL.D., '09; William Cronin's mother:
Howard Ralph's father: relatives of four other students.

The Sick.

Twelve students have asked prayers for relatives who are sick.
Additional requests for prayers during the Novena for the Sick
(January 8-16) may be left in the contribution box of the pamphlet rack.

Special Intentions.

Two urgent special intentions are recommended to the prayers of the
students.

"God and Myself."

This book, now in the pamphlet rack, is an excellent presentation of the
Catholic religion, for non-Catholics. Other new titles are: "The Hand of
God," "The Word of God," "Wealth, Work, and Wages." There are also new
supplies of "Courtship and Marriage" and "You and Yours." These books
sell for twenty-five cents each.

Naturalism.

The prevailing philosophy of the deep-dishers is naturalism. "Be good
for goodness's sake" is the uplift slogan: "For goodness' sake be good!"
would be less objectionable, because it would not necessarily leave
out God. Condé Nast's "Vanity Fair" is one of the many house-organs
of naturalism. It speaks for the elements that used to arch the eyebrows
before eyebrows became passe. It says much that is true--but not enough.

The Real "Vanity Fair."

The wholesome cynic is the book of Ecclesiastes, in the Old Testament.
H.L. Menken could never have written the 12th chapter of this book.

"How Old the New!"

For literary style Ecclesiastes is unsurpassed. Note how modern is the
style: "As the cracking of thorns burning under a pot, so is the laughter
of a fool. Now this also is vanity." Chap. vii, verse 7.

"Before the silver cord is broken, and the golden fillet shrink back,
and the pitcher be crushed at the fountain, and the wheel be broken upon
the cistern.. . ."; but reach it for yourself and learn what beauty
lies in simple things.

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