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Answers to Correspondents.

So much matter from correspondents has accumulated that it will be impossible to give personal answers to each inquirer. Certain liberties may be taken with letters (combining cases which have points of similarity, etc.) to cover the ground more rapidly.

Correspondents should watch the Bulletin day by day, and those who have proposed very personal difficulties (either personal or through the Religious Survey), would do well to call on the Prefect of Religion personally for a detailed explanation, or talk over the matter with their confessor.

The Fortune Teller.

"I have been going to Catholic schools for 14 years and getting worse each year. What is the matter with me?"

You need a good hard wallop -- something to make you think! The protection from temptation which Catholic education seems to offer has made life too easy for you. It has taken all the fight out of you. Law is a protection for one who thinks: it is a challenge to one who doesn't.

Forteen years of mental dissipation will wreck almost any machine -- but you are not too far gone for salvage. The fact that you answered your questionnaire shows this. Here is a prescription. Take it or leave it.

1. Read "The Dark Beyond", a hair-raising pamphlet on Hell.
2. Make a general confession, covering the past six years or so
3. Tell your confessor that you want him to suggest some line of sacrifice that will make you realize why the son of God would come down from heaven and die as a criminal to save our miserable souls.
4. Stop reading Vanity Fair, the gospel of naturalism. Every case of religious indifference reported on the survey protests a fondness for this magazine.
5. Crucify your selfishness. Divide 50-50 with God. For every dollar you spend on your own amusement, give a dollar to the poor. See which dollar pays dividends.

A Correction.

The figures last week which showed Freshman Hall of this year 158 below Badin Hall of last year, were only for Lent. That makes it worse.

Urgent.

Three students are very sick, and three others ask prayers for sick relatives.

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