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Tommy! Tommy!

The boys missed some good reading matter on the Bulletin last week, because you ran it solid. Tell anyone who asks you about it that it was taken from Father Hull's "Man's Great Concern."

The Fortune Teller.

I

"The Springfield Republican for April 9 ran a mean story under big heads: 'Attack on Catholics Hierarchy by Bishop Henderson at Holyoke.' It was another case of passing off bigotry as 'news'. Should I have answered it?"  
-- Jerry.

Dear Jerry: The best system is to get the advertisers to protest. They probably did this. There are several Irishmen in Springfield -- and a few in Holyoke.

II

"Is it a sin to crib in examinations?"

~~Read the last item on the commerce Bulletin. And don't say that the man next to you cheats and gets away with it. You're going to meet that all through life -- and don't frame on your conscience so early.~~

III

"I would like to receive Holy Communion every day, but I am just too lazy to get up. What's a good cure for laziness?"

It's not laziness in your case -- just pure cussedness. When you are going past the Walsh Hall sacristy on your way to breakfast at 8:45 or 9:45, there are always some of your companions in the chapel for confession or Holy Communion. Come any time.

To cure laziness, vacume-clean your brain and then study nature. Even animals instinctively provide for the future:

The dog buries the extra bone ;

The ant and the bee store food for the winter;

The hungry bear lays on a winter coat of fat; ....

Man takes out insurance.

Do a little thinking. Read the next item.

IV

"To what extent have my religious convictions led me to sacrifice? No great sacrifice so far, thank God! (Is it right to add that?)"

You: may thank God that he hasnot demanded any sacrifice beyond your endurance, but don't miss the principle that sacrifice is essential to keeping the faith. If you avoid pain here you will have it hereafter. The Passion must precede the Resurrection. "No cross, no crown." Read chapter 12 of book 2 in "The Following of Christ."

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