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The Fortune Teller.

I

"If I miss Holy Communion for a day or two it is hard to get back; and I don't want to miss because I find that my actions are guided largely by the thought of Holy Communion."

You don't have to miss. If there is no priest in the Walsh Hall chapel after 8:15, call at room 207.

II

"I don't keep good enough to go every day."

Your survey shows that you came to Notre Dame from religious training, and that have gone to Holy Communion two or three times this year. You must be taking absent treatment. As for being good enough, no one has a right to feel good enough. Holy Communion, as Pope Pius X pointed out, is not a reward for virtue, but a means to virtue. If you have no ambition to be good, you are on the road to hell. Change cars at the first stop.

III

"It sometimes seems a mockery to go to Holy Communion every morning and go back to confession with the same sins the morning after."

Are you talking about yourself or somebody else? If you feel that way about somebody else, mind your own business. If it's yourself it's a pious thought. If you find it hard to break some sinful habit, ask your confessor for specific advice on it. Every vice will yield to rough treatment. Swearing for instance, can be broken up if you abstain from some pleasure -- say smoking, movies candy or magazines until the habit is broken. Cut out smoking, for instance, until you have gone three days without swearing. Take some penance that hurts -- that's what makes a man of you.

IV

"How should a Catholic go about marrying a non-Catholic girl, provided of course, everything is arranged but the conversion?"

Your question is a bit vague. If you refer to the necessary dispensation for a mixed marriage, your parish priest can arrange that.

Before you decide to marry a non-Catholic girl, read the religious Survey for 1921-22. Eighty students said that their mothers had the predominant religious influence in their lives, while only seven gave credit to their fathers. Of the seven students whose mothers were non-Catholics, not one gave credit to his father for the predominant religious influence. Come around for some reading matter to give the girl.

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