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A Case of Conscience.

"If a man intends to get drunk a Homecoming, can he receive Holy Communion validly tomorrow?"

Validly, but sacrilegiously. He actually receives the body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord, but his soul is defiled with mortal sin when he does so, and he commits a grave sacrilege.

However: Your case must be purely academic. No N^otre Dame man would do such a thing.

However: That opens up the whole case of Homecoming, and it might as well be handled now.

Preliminary Bout.

If this year's Homecoming resembles Last year's in its Saturnalian features, there will be no more Homecoming.

The Festering Sores.

The ulcers on a sound Homecoming are the following:

1. The drummer who makes it an extra-big week-end drunk;
2. The shallow-pated hick from Chicago or Niles who has all the Notre Dame spirit of the men who "never went to college;"
3. The ex-prep who loves to weep on mother's shoulder and then vomit down her back;
4. The bootlegger alumnus who can't bear to think of letting an honest student work his way through school the way he did;
5. The half-wit student who tries to buy from a bootlegger the brilliancy nature denied him;
6. The callow yearling whose idea of a swell time at a dande is to offer a drink to every girl on the floor.

You Are the Surgeon.

Notre Dame needs two thousand surgeons to cauterize these sores at Homecoming. One drunk can attract more attention than a hundred sober men -- but it shouldn't take one hundred to silence him. Half a man can do that. Knock them down, drag them out, and don't let your mother and sweethearts feel that Notre Dame men stand for gutter-stuff in celebrating victory.

To Return to the Case.

Don't pass judgment on the actions of your neighbor. If you see him "return like a dog to his vomit," as St. Paul phrases it, don't conclude that his purpose of amendment was absent. His will may be ~~see~~ weak that each new temptation lays him low. Pray for him, and help him, but don't judge him. Leave that to God.