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Two Communications.

(These two communications came to hand a day apart. It seems more than a coincidence.)

1. -- My Observation.

A few days ago I observed the following actions of a student at Mass. Before the Gospel he read the Daily. During the sermon he extended his legs as far out as possible and rested his head on the back of the pew. After the sermon he stretched his arms as though going through calisthenics. During the Consecration his nose-blowing was as loud as a bugle. Then he became quiet until the Communion, when he was the third to reach the rail. Of course he was handicapped by being near the middle of the church.

In the last examinations there was more cribbing than ever before, which is saying something. Many of the cribbers received Communion every morning of the examinations.

I am not citing these things to deride Holy Communion. Perhaps I should not criticize at all, for I frequently commit a much more grievous sin than either of the above. However, I think ~~the~~ respect in church and honesty in examinations must come before daily Communion. I just mentioned them because this is a questionnaire in which students' opinion is desired.

II. -- My Inspiration.

Late one afternoon last fall I went into the church to make my First Friday adoration. The silence and the semi-darkness made it seem as though it belonged in another beautiful world; and it lifted my thoughts accordingly.

First, I felt reproached for neglecting my duty towards God. Then I felt guilty of having wasted the time and money of my parents who were sending me here. There, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, I resolved that I should change my motto and put work before pleasure.

Since that time I have tried to live up to my new motto, and now I feel that I not only doing my duty towards my parents, but also towards God; for the one implies the other. I have done my own work since then, and now that the year is over, I feel that I owe what little I have learned to that First Friday adoration.

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