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The Month of the Sacred Heart.

The Church dedicated the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus -- "The Heart that has loved man so much." It is the month of sinners, for it is the month of the mercy of God.

Easter Duty.

Two weeks remain for slackers. Thirty are still out. Say the Litany of the Sacred Heart for them every day. It may save a soul; and that is a consolation on earth and an everlasting joy in heaven. Ten of the thirty are Seniors. Pray God that they may come back to Him before they step up to receive degrees from a University so singularly devoted to the Blessed Sacrament.

The Novena for Pentecost.

One of the great glories of Notre Dame is its possession of the mortal remains of one of the greatest Catholic minds, America has produced, Orestes A. Brownson, who lies buried under the basement chapel. Brownson was a convert. So is Benson. Your prayers may give the Church in America another Brownson or another Benson.

Reading Matter for the Summer

You got into some arguments last summer and were not able to settle them. Look over the pamphlet rack and get a supply of Catholic literature on current topics. Don't be an ignorant college man.

The Notion of Sacrifice.

There is no Christianity without the Cross. You will find it harder to keep up frequent Communion at home, but if you believe in it make the sacrifice and get the additional merit and grace that comes from your part in it. Give the home folks the correct notion of the Notre Dame man.

The Prodigal Son

Sinners like to trust in the Mercy of God. The story of the prodigal son can make a congregation wake up every time. But the point of the story is usually missed by the sinner. The prodigal son's father let him go. He gave him plenty of rope. He didn't go out after him. It was only when the sinner did his part -- came back of his own free will and confessed his sins -- that the father forgave him. That is the story of the wilful sinner.

The Lost Sheep

There is another kind of sinner -- the poor little lamb that doesn't know any better. The Good Shepherd goes out and searches for him and brings him back on His shoulders.

The Rich Man's Brothers.

When Dives was buried in hell, Abraham refused his request to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, saying, "They have Moses and the Prophets. If they will not believe them, neither will they believe one risen from the dead." The confessor receives the prodigal son, the foreign missionary goes out after the lost sheep, the devil takes care of Dives and his brothers.