

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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Consider Notre Dame.

It is not the college, but the football team to which attention is asked. As a matter of fact, neither needs the bush. They are both good in their way. But because the team is about the most talked of fact in America, and about the greatest piece of publicity in the country, it is worth a comment. This comment is not without its moral. Notre Dame wins games. It also wins applause. So it is always with the victor.

But even victory can be tainted. The applause is heightened by respect. The team wins, but it does so cleanly. Not a whisper that the boys are sports but not sportsmen. There is a difference. They have been beaten. No one has heard a whimper about their adversaries. Better playing and the breaks of the game were against them. On two occasions the spectators were not so impartial. Not a team of oxen could draw an unfavorable comment from Rockne's crew. There is a college down in Kentucky whose players were called "The Praying Hoosiers." This would be priggish. But they do pray, and they are not ashamed of it. There is no group of young Catholic men in America to whom their religion is such a downright fact, and such a compelling reality. Even under the stress of travel, and the incidental entertainment, the men have conquered every obstacle to keep their other scoreboard clear by daily Communion. This is not without its sterling worth as a charter of what healthy, buoyant, typical American young Catholics may be.

All of which may also have its plain moral. Football games played between certain Catholic schools, let us say in Hong Kong, because they did not take place there precisely, are coming in for a very drastic criticism. Tactics that sport cannot countenance are received with some honor.

"Roughing" is a technical word that every football player understands, and possibly every fan may overlook. But "muckerism", which is a low and cunning device to win at all odds, is a mistake, only because it is a crime. It destroys sport and robs the contestant of the highest glory, good sportsmanship.

To all Catholic athletes: Read the caption again, "Consider Notre Dame."

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Announcements.

See the exhibit of Perry Pictures (reproductions of the great religious pictures of the world), at the library, at the pamphlet rack, and in room 141 Sorin Hall. Order a supply for your room, and take some home to your mother. Order promptly for Christmas delivery.

To avoid depriving students of their spiritual pabulum, a special supplement will be devoted to engineering problems, beginning with this issue.

A great many students do not seem to know that Holy Communion is distributed all day long; until 8:15 every morning in the basement chapel, and after 8:15 in the Sorin Hall chapel.

You can go to confession at any time of the day or night. Go to the Sorin Hall chapel and ring twice.

The halls will be canvassed these days for the League of the Sacred Heart. Take the Morning Offering slip, place it near the door as a reminder.