

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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The Strange Voice is Stilled.

Every hall on the campus with the exception of Badin made a decent showing Saturday morning in response to the appeal for Van Wallace. Badin Hall's estrangement from God grows day by day. What is the fatal reason? Father Badin was the first priest ordained in the United States. Due to his zeal for the Indians the land was bought upon which Notre Dame now stands. Without Father Badin there would have been no Notre Dame du Lac. And now they want us to get along without Badin Hall.

Slumber Softens Moral Fibre.

Too much sleep, especially in the morning, softens moral fibre. Fight is not for the sluggard, and only the sluggard can loll in sodden slumber when God's sunshine calls to men. Temptation has its own way with the sluggard. He may not be tempted now, and absence of temptation may build up a false security. But when temptation comes it will find an easy victim.

Senior Remorse.

It is during the last semester that senior remorse sets in. It is a terrible disease. It goes over wasted moments, wasted hours, wasted months, wasted years; each is a spectre that haunts. A good many seniors go back to daily Communion during the last semester. Ninety-five per cent of this reaction is emotional, and the emotional reaction sets in on or after Washington's Birthday--when the senior list comes out, and the creepy feeling of leaving school begins to assert itself.

This reaction can be taken out of the emotional class and placed on the solid basis of reason if you act now. Figure it out for yourselves. Keep your maudlin sentiment in the background, but give yourself a good examination of conscience, with the aid of Newman's "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings", which you will find at the pamphlet rack. If you can honestly figure that you have given yourself a real chance at Notre Dame go right on and finish as you have begun. If you find lapses, petty or serious, change your tactics at once, or you are due for a heart-rending attack of remorse.

You may figure that you are above it, that you are hard-boiled, that you have no conscience. "The bigger they are the harder they fall." It is presumption that keeps people from taking stock of themselves, and unchecked presumption never fails to lead to despair.

Habits of Sin.

Stupidity is the worst sin of which a college man is capable. Prudence is a practical judgment on the best means to reach an intended end, and stupidity is the commonest vice opposed to prudence. Anyone who comes to college for an education and lets a habit of sin stand in the way of a complete education is perfectly stupid. No one need have such a habit. Confessors and other spiritual advisors have a duty to help correct such habits. For goodness' sake, don't be stupid.

Educators Have to be Tricksters.

One of the tragic comedies of human nature is the zeal we display in evading what is good for us. What parallel can you offer for the fellow who pays down something between one and three thousand dollars a year for an education and then uses every trick known to science in fighting it off? Educators have to be tricksters to put their stuff across. Even the Prefect of Religion with the only commodity that counts when you come to die, has to jazz up the Bulletin to draw a crowd. Once more, let's pray for sense.

Prayers.

Mr. Miles O'Brien, a trustee of the University, asks prayers for the repose of the soul of his wife, who died Sunday night.

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