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Eleven More Days.

Trinity Sunday is so close you can almost touch it. The Easter duty is the Church test of minimum Catholicity. If you are living in an occasion of sin and refuse to give it up you cannot make your Easter duty; neither can you go to heaven if you die.

The Sin Against the Holy Ghost.

The United Press has given out the following story under a London date-line:-- George Whale, 75, presiding at a dinner of the Nationalist Press Association at the Roccadero Restaurant last night, collapsed and died in the presence of 200 guests, just as Major G. H. Putnam, American Civil War Veteran, was proposing a toast to his health. A few minutes before, Whale, responding to a toast to the association, said "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. Do I say that? No, I say take hands and help, for today we live."

The dinner was in honor of the centenary of the birth of Thomas Huxley, and to encourage a campaign against Christian Churches. Whale made a speech in which he ruthlessly attacked the dogmas of Christianity and its ministers. He had just ridiculed a statement that "the Light of the Spirit, of the Holy Ghost, has guided the Church for 19 centuries. When the light does come, I predict it won't have the effect of the light which fell upon the Apostle enroute to Damascus--- a light which dazzled him for the rest of his life," Whale said, while the guests laughed appreciatively.

They were just beginning to applaud the first sentences of Major Putnam's toast when Whale collapsed. Rushed whispers and awe-stricken faces replaced laughter and smiles. Then followed an intense silence, broken only by Whale's strangled breathing. Major Putnam in an interview today denied that Whale spoke disrespectfully of Christianity, adding, "No man could desire a happier death."

The Novena to the Holy Ghost.

Pope Leo XIII predicted that the Twentieth Century would be the century of the Holy Ghost and of the Blessed Sacrament. The only time most of us think of the Holy Ghost is at examination time. Father Kelley told us very plainly last Sunday when we need to think of the Holy Ghost; but a real coward always tries to wiggle away from his conscience by doctoring up an excuse for his actions. If you have no other name to hand in for the novena, leave your own alongside the tabernacle for the rest of the week. You want to recognize the Holy Ghost when He comes, and if you are used to God's company it won't be so hard.

From the Survey.

"If the girl I marry would be willing to have the children educated in Catholic schools, she would not necessarily have to be able to give them Catholic training herself."

And if she didn't, there would be a lot they would miss. There are few fellows at Notre Dame with non-Catholic mothers, and those who are here are the exception. They have the conscientious non-Catholic mothers who have realized the seriousness of their obligation, and they have given Catholic training at home to the best of their ability. When you stand before God's judgment seat he will ask you about your Catholic children. Are you going to tell Him, if they are not the best of Catholics that it is the fault of the Sisters, who had charge of them for one-fifteenth of the time of their first 14 years? You can't fool God.

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"I'll give you one guess at what's wrong with my spiritual life."  
When are you going to wake up? You have a lot of good stuff lying dormant.

Prayers: Charles Lacey's brother died Sunday. Frank Mayer's mother and sister are sick. Two relatives of George Discoll died last week.

Prefect of Religion.