

Special Trains are Dangerous.

Receive the Sacraments before you take your train. Special trains, running off-schedule, are more exposed to danger than regular traffic. Ask God's protection for the trip, and be prepared to meet God in case He wants you. That's not gloom-spreading; it's just common sense.

Don't Take Any Wooden Nickels.

You will meet loads of Notre Dame men on the trip, some of them bona fide alumni, some of them old students, some ex-quit, some ex-canned, some of them traveling salesmen who try to make Niles around Homecoming time to matriculate just for the night in South Bend, size them all up according to Notre Dame standards, and be sure a fellow is up to standard before you let him hold your chrysanthemum. If the fellow was canned, you are quite likely to see a demonstration of why he was canned.

Hope for the Men.

Cardinal Hayes asks men to pray that women will be saved from disaster. He sees what many a Notre Dame man has observed -- that the men of today have more sense than the women of today. Speaking at the blessing of the new Retreat House on Staten Island, he said:

"We are gravely, and I might say sometimes, sadly disturbed and anxious about our good women, especially our young women. Within a short time there has been a radical and revolutionary upset of principles that has eaten into the very home, and that has desecrated the fireside, and is still menacing the very foundations of our society, civil, political, social and moral. The church of God is really praying most earnestly that our women may be saved from the disaster that is impending.

"Alongside of that there is the most promising sign of the time, and that is that the men are coming back to the altars.

"Men are not only going to Mass on Sundays now but on weekdays as well. They are going to the Sacraments not merely once a year or twice a year but monthly and weekly and many of them daily.

"When our men realize their opportunities in that direction it means nothing else but our salvation; it means the glory of God; it means the salvation of your own souls and the souls of others; it means the safety of society; it means the guarantee to our American ideals of life and of our government."

Get This Straight:

Cardinal Hayes does not say in the above-quoted speech that you have more sense than your mother, your sister and your sweetheart, to say nothing of your grandmother and a score of aunts -- singly or combined. You do not say that you individually have any sense. He does call attention to a fact that should not have escaped your notice, and that gives you a mission: men today are more drawn to the Sacraments than women; and it is their duty to use the grace God is giving them to make silly women behave.

Prayers.

Lawrence Motter was called home yesterday by the serious illness of his mother. Bernard Crowley asks prayers for an uncle who died recently.