
Prayers.

Professor Provost asks your prayers for his wife, who is quite ill. Seven others persons who are ill, three of them mothers of students, are recommended to your charity. Three deceased persons and five special intentions have also been mentioned. Special prayers are urged for a former student who died last week without the last Sacraments and with indications that he could have profited by them; the poor fellow went through a whole year here recently without once approaching the Sacraments, -- and death came so swiftly that there was no opportunity to call a priest.

Concerning the Conversion of Dr. Lord.

It is mentioned in dispatches to the Catholic papers concerning the conversion of Prof. Lord, of Harvard, the announcement of whose entrance into the Brighton Seminary caused no little stir, that his first intimation that he did not know all he should about the Catholic Church came when a young lady pupil of his at Radcliff questioned a statement he made in the classroom.

Week-ends.

The Ave Maria gives us this timely comment:

"Those in charge of educational institutions are well acquainted with the type of student who wishes to spend as much time as possible away from the institution, taking as many holidays as he can, and giving to the academic life as little time and attention as the authorities will stand for. Parents are often very much to blame in this respect, and the schools have to deal with thoughtless fathers and mothers who, although they send their children to academy or college (for the name of the thing, possibly), are really frustrating the efforts of the institution by their desire to give the young people 'a good time' at home whenever the students get tired of their books or of academic discipline. Even Catholic colleges and academies are not free from students of this kind, so that the discipline and regulations of former years have had in many cases to be modified. Nowadays, the idea of staying at the institution over Sunday is unthinkable with some of the young men and women, and the result is a week-end spent in activities which often render them quite unready for work on Monday morning. We should think the following editorial utterance from the journal of a secular college for women would be heartily endorsed by the heads of Catholic colleges of the same rank:

"Let it be clearly understood that we regard it as a privilege to live in this community, not to be away from it as much as possible. The purpose of this letter is to ask parents to have this point of view firmly in their minds in dealing with their daughters in matters of allowances and permission to pay visits in term time, and to urge upon them the importance of acting on the principle that the opportunities afforded by the college are privileges to be seized, not tasks to be evaded. The students who refuse to accept this view are wasting their time and ours, and usurping places eagerly coveted by many who can not be admitted on account of the necessary limitations of our numbers."

If asked for our opinion we might state that if week-ends work grief in classes, they work disaster in religion. The week-end for Washington's Birthday last year lasted ten days, as you can readily see by studying the graph in the basement chapel. The graph shows only Holy Communions: long experience has shown that this graph is also a general indicator of moral tone and spiritual fervor; and Lenten resolutions took an awful beating during those days last year.

Daily Mass.

Get into practice now for Lent. And get your Lenten confession over today.