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Lenten Devotions for upperclassmen, except Sophomore Hall, at 7:30 this evening.

Prayers are requested for Tex Duperier, who underwent a serious operation yesterday; also for a sick relative of a student.

Watch the Irish take to the woods and the Niles Road tomorrow during the Solemn Mass at eight o'clock in honor of St. Patrick. If they don't, it will be the first time they don't. And at Holy Communion tomorrow you will find some Irish, and some of everything but Irish.

Questions Asked by Freshmen.

The following questions have occurred to freshmen on reading Newman's "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings:"

Page 5, lines 1 and 2. "Does this apply to one who commits a sin on the spur of the moment? Doesn't he who commits murder because of a violent temper lose control of reason in such a circumstance? Is he accountable?"

A fully indeliberate action is not a sin. There are, however, no fully unmanageable tempers except in the insane. The man who knows by experience that he has a bad temper and fails to use all the means God has given him to control it is guilty in his neglect of the effects of his temper. One who wills the cause wills the effect.

Page 16. Will the child who dies at two receive as great a reward as the man who lives a good, holy life, fighting evil to the age of eighty? -- "As one child of Adam is preordained to live one day and another eighty years....." Isn't this predestination?

1. Heaven is the share of both, but "in My Father's house there are many mansions."
2. Of course, it is predestination; but the miserable part of it is that Catholic predestination does not take away free will. "At what hour you know not the Son of Man will come," said Our Lord; but He also said: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruits shall be cut down and cast into the fire."

Page 17. "The Creator gives one man time for repentance, He carries off another by sudden death." If both men live the same lives how can this be?

No two men live the same lives. God gives all men sufficient grace. Ask yourself this question: Have I used for repentance all the time God has given me for repentance or have I used it for further sin? When the allotted time comes, we are through. Be prepared always and you will have no regrets then. This sermon becomes clearer with each reading.

Page 18. What was the Ark of the Lord? Why were people forbidden to look on it?

The Ark was constructed by Moses at the command of God to contain the Tables of the Law, the Sacred Books of Moses, the rod of Aaron, and other things emblematic of God's special providence for the Jews. When God spoke to the people through the High Priest, His messages were delivered from the midst of a cloud which rested upon the Ark. To preserve the sanctity of the Ark He forbade any one to touch it but the High Priest; it was the most precious treasure of the Holy of Holies; God struck the Philistines for stealing the Ark, and the Bethsamites for investigating its contents, to give them a holy respect for the religion of Israel.