

Questionaire Cases.A.

A is a senior who "felt freer and happier" when he was a frequent communicant, but whose great spiritual difficulty is that he "Can't realize the value of things spiritual;" his first impression of the religious life at Notre Dame was that it was "intense and overdone." Newman's Neglect of Divine Calls has impressed him more than any other pamphlet. He has not attended the Sacraments at all this year.

He seems not to have discovered that one who lacks emotion can still arrive at the spiritual life by the use of reason. He will make a mighty poor business man if he uses the same methods in business that he does in religion: if he doesn't strike a balance now and then, maintain a reserve, and discount his notes, he will go bankrupt. What he needs is a little love of God: Newman's Mental Sufferings of Our Lord will give him some of that. And riding a police ambulance in a city for a week would give him a new sense of values.

B.

B hates to give up his pet sins, so he has stayed away from the Sacraments all year. Indolence and desire for pleasure he lists as his spiritual difficulties: Perseverance made an impression on him, but he failed to apply it.

He is playing around with a tricky bunch of playmates. He won't give them up, but they will give him up. Look over the records of the Prefect of Discipline if you want to see the funny little tricks pet sins play on one; then go through a d.t. ward or a venereal ward and see some more of the work of the pet sins; look over the divorce records and visit a foundling asylum and a children's hospital; look into God's record of broken hearts -- of mothers, wives, sweethearts, sisters, fathers. Then take a look into Hell, where these little pet sins reach their climax. If one thinks it isn't so hard to give up pet sins. We have to give them up some time; why not now?

C.

C is a freshman who says that he has been told that he knows it all, that he is too fresh, that he is too smart to be at Notre Dame. Like A and B he is due to make his Easter Duty this week. He has an unfortunate love affair on which he needs advice; he has rejected an invitation to seek this advice.

He has good friends, but they have not done their best for him or they would have brought him to the Sacraments. He is just the sort of fellow that becomes a daily communicant on Easter Monday and keeps it up the rest of the year.

Prayers.

Edward Delehanty has lost his hearing through an accident; while his physician says that the condition is only temporary he will appreciate prayers for the speedy restoration of this function. Another student asks prayers for his grandmother, who is very low, and two others for special intentions.

Easter Duty.

Put a diamond in your heavenly crown by getting a sinner around to the Sacraments before Friday. If you want to exercise a little missionary zeal and are not aware of any outlet for it, call at the Ostrich Roost and get the name of an ostrich. You will find one in your hall; you will find at least one in every block of the thickly-populated student district in town. And pray this week for the conversion of sinners.