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Beg Your Pardon.

It is rumored (but you mustn't believe rumors at Notre Dame - Eddie Keenan starts too many of them) that some of the boys were not at all pleased with their valentines. Is that nice -- after you spend so much time thinking over your friends to be sure not to miss any of them? There is one possible explanation. There was no intention to send any of them to jail birds, to call up unpleasant memories, but that may have happened in a case or two. If it did it was a slip -- and we beg pardon.

Heavy Sinners and Daily Communion.

Yesterday's Bulletin carried Msgr. de Segur's reflections on venial sin and daily Communion. Father Dalgairns has some interesting thoughts on mortal sin and daily Communion; for instance:

"Let us not forget that much of the effect of the Sacraments comes ex opere operato. This is not an unpractical truth, nor an empty word. No truth is barren, and no theological terms empty. They mean, as we all know, that these effects are caused by the Sacrament itself, and not by our dispositions, which are mere conditions. If this be true, what wonder if the effects are out of all proportion to the dispositions? If so, why are we scandalized when persons, in one sense, utterly unworthy of so great a favor go frequently to Communion? They go there to have effects wrought upon their souls which are supernatural, and utterly beyond their own powers and the forces of all possible nature. In this sense it is perfectly true to say that the Sacraments act like charms.

"Let us beware lest, in exaggerating the dispositions necessary for them, we deprive them of their divinity. They are meant to make the sinful good and the weak strong; what wonder if the weak and sinful approach them? They are meant for the paralyzed, the fever-smitten, and the plague-stricken nature of man. As Extreme Unction was meant for the dying, and Absolution for dead souls, so the Blessed Sacrament is meant for the weak and imperfect. As well expel all mortal sins from your confessional as deprive those who have still habitual venial sins about them from Holy Communion."

Again, Many Thanks.

The Religious Survey went to press two weeks ago last Monday. The last of five thousand copies were mailed out yesterday. Three thousand copies are available for students, and two thousand more are held in reserve for alumni and others who request copies. The record time made in mailing out copies is due to the helpful spirit of a few students who deprived themselves of recreation to address and stuff envelopes. Again, many thanks.

Prayers.

Frank Curran's father died yesterday. John Anderson requests prayers for an uncle who has just died, and Sam Vetrano for an uncle who died in Italy a few weeks ago. Karl Brennan's grandfather died Wednesday night. Ed Mowery asks prayers for a very sick cousin.

We Certainly Shall, Frank.

A letter from Frank Van Wazer reads: "I have no doubt that you have heard of my accident and that you have asked the boys to pray for her. She was a wonderful girl. Excerpts from her letters and diary show her to have been a beautiful Catholic. Have a Mass said for the repose of her soul and pray for her. And please pray for me a little, too." Frank is still suffering from the shock of last Sunday's accident, and no one will deny his request.