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Case J.

J reads books on the Index, doesn't know anyone who would marry him, has given a truly remarkable demonstration of will power, receives Holy Communion practically daily, wants to know how the Catholic Church or any member of the Church can condemn a man without knowing the circumstances, and states finally: "I sometimes doubt in various matters I am told I should believe. I am praying that I may see and believe, act accordingly, and enter Heaven (if there is such a place)."

Here is the nice little wooly lamb who plays around with billygoats. If he doesn't stay with his own flock he will smell badly of billygoat. Bad books are no good.

Case K.

K never attended Catholic schools before, has not attended the Sacraments this year, and finds that his foundation "was that of a Protestant who never learned what was right or wrong until rather late."

As announced on the Bulletin in the fall, the Prefect of Religion has conducted private instruction classes all year for the benefit of such students. It is not too late to enroll now.

Case L.

L packs a grouch: "The priest that I thought was the only good sport up here gave me a dirty deal. I have many good priest-friends, but I'll never forget this one. I realize that I am harming myself, but a setback like that is enough to take the pep out of anyone."

Presuming that L means Christian gentleman by "good sport", he certainly places himself in unenviable company when he can find only one good sport among the priests at Notre Dame. If he means that some priest has done him an injustice, he should report the matter to that priest's superior. If, on the other hand, he means that he was asked to do a little penance for sins forgotten, he should thank God for the opportunity to get off that much purgatory here on earth. When a student lacks imagination to see through a situation he should go to some poet and borrow his eyes.

Case M.

M has three bad failings -- scruples, a degree of indifference, and a tendency to lead a fast life; what he has learned at Notre Dame has formed the strongest check on the latter. He is a senior, was a daily communicant through his sophomore year and the first semester of his junior year, and has received 35 times this year.

With the brains demanded by his class average he should have sense enough to take himself in hand and get these three difficulties off the boards before Commencement. It can be done. He should start with a general confession and a good session with a priest. That will send him out ready to do things; it will cut ties with the past.

Communication.

"To the Editor: Passing by Sorin Hall yesterday noon I saw the landscape gardener cutting dead wood out of the bushes, and heard the rector invite him in to prune the hall. A fine idea -- but some job! -- Badinite."

PRAYERS: Jim Navarre was taken to the hospital Sunday night with appendicitis; thus far he has not had an operation. Fr. Lawrence Cain, an alumnus, asks prayers for his deceased sister. T. J. Enright's brother has suffered a relapse.