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Item 1.- It is the last word in something when a Catholic college man will come devoutly to the altar rail where a priest is distributing Holy Communion and say, "I want ashes." And if it happened once yesterday it happened a hundred times.

Item 2.- With the whistles blowing and bells ringing and announcements from the house-tops that it is impossible for eight priests to hear 600 confessions in one hour, nearly that many Catholic college men tried to go to confession to eight priests in forty minutes yesterday. It must have been a rainy day when brains were given out; they are still all wet.

Are You Slighted?

Don't you feel sufficiently persecuted? Now and then word trickles through to the Prefect of Religion that some particular student feels slighted because he receives less than he deems sufficient attention from that functionary. The Bulletin is a rather public vehicle for the discussion of such delicate matters, but it is the only available means of reaching all who may suffer in this way, so to relieve their feelings and set them on the right track he essays this statement:

In the first place, most of those who are undisturbed are unknown to him. Three thousand is a large number to deal with, and it is not unlikely that among the students at Notre Dame there are many who escape his notice, through no fault of his.

In the second place, many of those who are undisturbed are unknown to him personally, but are known to him, through sources of information at his command (rectors, prefects, professors, and so forth), as substantial, sound Catholics, of good home training, who will seek his services if they need them.

And in the third place, among those undisturbed are many who have forced him into a negative attitude towards them. He has found it unprofitable to spend much time on those who lack a sense of humor; this class includes chiefly:

1. The liars. If a fellow lies to you you can't ask him to go to confession; there is too much danger of sacrilege.
2. The proud. The hole-in-one atheist has no time for God until he stubs his toe on some obstacle his myopia failed to disclose.
3. The Crustacea - both crabs and clams.

God is good, and His mercy is not exhausted. We pray for those on whom we cannot do more direct work, and we leave it to the grace of God to effect the inner change that is necessary before more direct work can be done. We recommend to your prayers this intention for Lent.

Educate a Priest.

The Novena for Vocations begins next Sunday. We have this traditionally at Notre Dame during the first week of Lent. During the nine days you are asked to pray for two intentions: 1. The grace to know and follow your own proper state of life; 2. The blessing of God in filling the needs of His Church for priests and religious. And the collection next Sunday will be for the Apostolic Seminary in Bengal, where natives are trained for the priesthood in the Holy Cross Missions there.

Prayers.

A student asks prayers for a deceased friend, an alumnus for a special intention. Fr. Burns asks prayers for a sick friend.