

The Third Son.

Yesterday's parable mentioned only two sons of the loving father. The omission of the third son was deliberate; it gave you an opportunity for wider discussion. The third son was respectable, thoughtful, and big-hearted to boot. He never strayed far from his father's home; daily communion with his good father brought out all the good qualities he had in him. He had real religion and its full fruits. And in this third son, whose name is legion, you find the answer to the question left unanswered by the conferees at Northwestern. In this connection, read the following letter:

"Reverend dear Father: Will you be so kind as to favor me with a copy of the last two Religious Surveys? that is, if they are still available; I find them not only highly interesting, but very instructive as well, and an eloquent testimonial to the good spiritual work of the University of Notre Dame. I shall be grateful also for a copy of the pamphlet Perseverance, which I find mentioned in an article in the October issue of the Catholic Educational Review, by Burton Confrey.

"I take this occasion to say that I was highly edified by the members of your wonderful football team at Pittsburgh on Saturday morning, October 26, when I saw more than thirty stalwart and clean-cut young men, the idols of our young people all over the land, at the communion rail in St. Paul's Cathedral, during the 8:30 Mass. I happened to be in the vicinity that morning, and as the team was quartered at the P.A.C. building, I presumed I should find them at the church that morning.

"I only wish more people had seen the spectacle. I met some Pittsburgh boys on the steps of the Cathedral after Mass, and they seemed to be greatly impressed by what they had seen. Why don't you get your publicity man to capitalize such things more? Of course I saw the game in the afternoon; it was good, and it made one like those lads all the more, for they not only could play football better than anyone else in the country, but they also showed signs of the splendid character training their school imparts.

"Rev.-----"

The Biggest Liar At Notre Dame.

It has been proposed that a vote be taken to determine who is the biggest liar at this ancient fountain of rumors. The one who has been handed the largest number of "Now I'll tell one" cards will be declared the winner of this unique contest. Send in your names or the names of your candidates.

Christmas Spiritual Bouquets.

These cards are now at the pamphlet rack. It seems necessary to explain again the following items:

1. Visits - prayers before the Blessed Sacrament or at the Grotto.
2. Aspirations - short ejaculatory prayers, such as you will find on page 8 of the little brown prayer book.
3. Mortifications - acts of self-denial, physical or spiritual.
4. Novena - a prayer repeated for nine days (usually with nine Holy Communions at Notre Dame). The prayer suggested for the Christmas Novena is the Angelus - a short drama of the Incarnation.

Prayers.

A relative of Robert and Maurice DeWald was killed in an auto accident Sunday. A.J. McCormick's father is quite ill. A relative of J.E. Koehl is dying. Five special intentions.