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And Now Northwestern.

From a daily paper of last week we take the following: "An 'individual' system of study, comprehensive examinations at two-year periods, and the privilege of unlimited absences from lectures, are asked in a report presented last night at a meeting of the Northwestern faculty curriculum committee. The report came from the student committee of 13, of which John A. Peterson is chairman. It has been at work since Feb. 1.....

"A portion of the students' report reads, 'We do not find that the students of Northwestern are even near the point of revolution against the present curriculum. If Northwestern hopes to be led by the students, disappointment must be expected.'"

The fact that such an experiment failed at Wisconsin need not deter the committee of 13 from recommending it for Northwestern, for, after all, Evanston isn't Madison. When one is committed to the principle that truth is relative, and that it can be reached only by experimentation, one must go ahead and burn his fingers.

Recompense.

They laughed because she would not read the book;  
Said she was narrow and behind the age,  
Told her there was a wiser way which took  
Good even from the foulest-seeming page.  
But it was Advent and she thought, "In four  
Swift-marching weeks He will be here. Can I  
Expect His shining feet to tread my floor  
If I have lent my house to be a sty?"  
And He, Who hundred-fold repays each one,  
Brought her for Christmas-gift a tiny spark  
From the white flame that flares about His throne.  
And ever since each foul thing of the dark  
Seeing Christ's lantern hung within her eye  
Dare not approach her, knowing it will die!

-- Grace Sherwood, in America.

"If I lent my house to be a sty," were there no recompense, the dignity of the human mind demands that it exclude filth. God gives you only one mind. It is so beautiful, so delicate, that every foul vapor with which it comes into contact (if freely admitted) smudges it, tarnishes its beauty. You can't afford to soil that mind.

Two Novenas.

Today is the day set for the beginning of the engineer's Novena. Next Friday we begin the Novena to the Holy Ghost, a devotion of the universal Church. During this Novena it is customary to hand in (in sealed envelopes) the names of those for whom you wish the grace of conversion. If your father or your mother is not of the faith, don't miss this chance to get the prayers of the students for them. The names should be left at the pamphlet rack, in a box designated for that purpose.

Prayers.

Gerald Bustin was called home Friday by the grave illness of his mother. A relative of Jack Breen may have to undergo an operation. Four special intentions.