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The Lenten Dispensation.

Since the Most Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne has dispensed the entire diocese from the fast and abstinence, there is no need to publish the Lenten regulations this year. It should be understood, however, that no meat is allowed tomorrow, Ash Wednesday. Note also that while the fast and abstinence are dispensed, there is no exemption from the divine law of penance. We are bound to do penance, but we are left to choose our own form of penance. Again we recommend the early Mass as the best form of prayer and penance.

7:00 and 7:45 Tonight.

The sermon for upperclassmen will be at 7:00; for freshmen and St. Edward's Hall students at 7:45. The sermon will be short, and there will be time for confessions during and after both sermons. At the second service the closing procession of the Forty Hours will be held. And make sure of confession by tonight at the latest. There will be practically no opportunity at the Mass tomorrow, as the crowd is too great.

Mass at 7:00 - Breakfast at 8:15.

That is the order for tomorrow morning. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place before the Mass. And don't present yourself for ashes while the priests are distributing Holy Communion. The warning is given because some somnambulists do that every year. For the benefit of off-campus stragglers, ashes will be distributed in the Sorin chapel at 12:30 - only. There will also be a distribution at the community High Mass at 8:30 (which students may attend).

The Fifth Question.

Lack of space prevented the publication last week of the answer to the fifth question proposed. It reads as follows:

Explain why the Lord should take Rockne at such a time and in such a way when Rockne had done so much for the nation's youth.

We do not know, unless God tells us, why God does anything; but often we can see, in a feeble human way, a design in the acts of His Providence. In the case in question, we can see the following points: 1. Knute Rockne was well off to go suddenly, and in the height of his fame; his rosary showed that his last thoughts were with God and His Mother, Notre Dame. 2. What he did for the nation's youth was emphasized as it could have been in no other way, by the tragic manner of his going. 3. It drove home, as no other event we can think of could have driven home, the lesson Our Lord taught us, to be always prepared to die. And from coast to coast we have heard that the lesson was not lost.

Amiable Saint Edward's Hall.

When the adoration list for the First Friday came back from St. Edward's Hall with only six names, we were moved to look over the hall directory. We found it full of amiable sophomores - amiable, but dumb. There aren't a dozen men in the hall who do not believe in daily Communion; not a dozen who did not practice it at one time or another last year. Oh, well - we all have to be sophomores once!

PRAYERS: John Bergan's condition is improved, but he still needs prayers. Al Stewart's grandmother is very ill. The Goulet boys, of Syracuse, former students and alumni, ask prayers for an aunt who underwent a very dangerous operation this morning. Bob Haire, '29, lost his father yesterday. A thanksgiving; four special intentions. Morton Robarge asks prayers for his father, an uncle and a friend, all very ill. Jos Partello's grandfather is very ill.