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Short Answers To Those Same Questions.

For convenience, we give below an abbreviated form of the questions recently sent on by an alumnus, together with short and fairly adequate replies:

1. Is there a personal God? So many people have had such different notions of God.

Ans. The second-hand said to the main-spring: "There is no watchmaker."

2. What evidence have we that Christ really performed miracles, that He was anything more than simply a good man?

Ans. Enough evidence to send millions of men, women, and children, philosophers, beggars, senators, slaves, every kind and description of man, to the rack, to exile, to the flames, to the block, to the cross, for believing in His resurrection - and not in the enthusiasm of a "holy war" but after reflection in cold dungeons, and in the midst of the tortures of individual trials.

3. Isn't the Bible merely a collection of folk lore?

Ans. Spend more millions digging up ancient cities - you will find that the Bible is still history. If it isn't history, we have no history.

4. In view of the popular ignorance of things scientific, was not the acceptance of the Mosaic account of creation merely another evidence of the gullibility of the mob?

Ans. It isn't his story of creation that's hard to take; it's his Ten Commandments.

5. Isn't Rockne's death an argument against the goodness and mercy of God?

Ans. Sudden death is terrible only to the wicked; it is a mercy to the good.

A Blank.

"Dear Father: Take a look at this adoration list taken from the bulletin board of Howard Hall. If the sophomores are all you say they are how do you account for the intellectual and spiritual growth of Howard, a junior hall. These men have passed the sophomore stage and yet don't seem to know the meaning of this list."

This note was signed, "The Entire Sophomore Class. The list submitted was (very appropriately, we thought) a blank. Some juniors are merely petrified sophomores.

Wednesday's Rogues Gallery.

It is always interesting to see the strange faces that appear at the Altar Rail on Ash Wednesday and on St. Blaise's Day. (It's a good thing you don't have to go to confession to get your throat blessed and to receive ashes.)

Announcements.

WAY OF THE CROSS at 7:00 tonight in the church; in the halls at 7:30.

SUNDAY ADORATION: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with Benediction at 7:00 for upperclassmen, and at 7:30 for freshmen.

GAPS IN ADORATION: this week's were filled out last Monday; next week's are noted on a card at the door of the Sorin chapel. The blank cards are at the Sorin rack.

PRAYERS: Wm. Hughes underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning. A cousin of John Shaner is ill. John Levine asks prayers for his father who is ill. Bernard O'Brien, of New Rochelle, N.Y., former student, is quite ill. A deceased friend of Dwan Ryan. Five special intentions. Paul Brannan wishes to thank you for the prayers offered for his deceased brother.

NOTE: An overcoat was left on the porch of Sophomore Hall. Was it restitution? If so, to whom? (The name in the pocket is not found in the student directory.)