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Walsh Hall Wisdom.

On the Walsh Hall Bulletin Board is some good advice:

"Worry is the compound interest we pay on trouble before it becomes due."

Keep the Faith.

Dillonites are showing a great fervor and revival of religious spirit. Attendance at Mass and Communion is the highest of the year.

Some of their comrades, slightly cynical, point to exams as the cause but others say that they have finally come to life and being juniors realize that they face something far more important and serious than exams.

In their remaining time at Notre Dame, they should be preparing and storing up grace and strength for that future, whatever it holds for them. Will they?

God Won't Do it All.

"I go to confession frequently, Father, but I seem to be repeating the same things each time. What's the remedy?" That is a frequent request for advice.

Well, confession doesn't take away our free will. It removes sin and will secure grace to strengthen the will in time of temptation but it won't destroy free will, the ability to go back on God.

The remedy is: give more attention to the resolution of amendment. Put teeth in it.

No sin can be forgiven without a sincere and firm purpose of amendment and when a sin is bound up with an occasion of sin, the purpose of amendment must include the avoidance of such occasion. No matter how many times a priest pronounces absolution over us, it is not rectified in Heaven unless we have this purpose of amendment, which must include the use of whatever means we find necessary to strengthen our resolutions. Hence --

1. If we find certain persons, places or reading, for example, to be occasions of sin, we are bound to avoid them.
2. If we find certain remedies necessary to strengthen our resolution and overcome temptation - for example, frequent Mass, Communion, the Rosary, all of which are so easy of access at Notre Dame - then our sincerity will impel us to use these remedies more, even daily.

Sin is no little matter in these days, not for youth facing war.

Put Them All In.

While praying for conversion of your own relatives and friends entered in this Unity Octave, be really Catholic and universal in your charity. Pray also for these general intentions listed for each day of the Octave: Monday, the return of all Oriental Separatists to communion with the Apostolic See; Tuesday, the submission of Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ; Wednesday, that the Lutherans and all other Protestants of Continental Europe may find their way back to the Roman Church; Thursday, that Christians in America may become One in communion with the Chair of St. Peter; Friday, the return to the Sacraments of lapsed Catholics; Saturday, the conversion of the Jews; Sunday, feast of the conversion of St. Paul, the missionary conquest of the world for Christ.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rev. J. H. Quinlan; father of John Battaille (Dil); Rev. R. D. Murphy; mother of Dr. P. G. '28, Dr. Jas. W. '29, and John R. Tobin, Jr. '38; 1st Anniv. father of John M. Baydik (Morr). Ill, sister of E. Dehner (Ly); brother of Mrs. Arthur Haley (Pub. Rel. Off.). Six special intentions.