The Novena.
Add the following intentions:
  Recovery of a lost article.
  Better health for the father of a student.
  Three special intentions.
    A conversion.
    The deceased father of William White, recent graduate.
    The deceased mother of Professor Cunningham.
  A deceased relative of a student.
Three sick persons.
  John Hourke, who fell dead near the post office.
Thursday morning.

Remember Nebraska.
If you want to wreck the tea, gamble. Honest recreation may and
should be offered for the honor and glory of God. College football
will go the way of all crookedness if you try to make a business
proposition out of it.

Study the Graph.
The supercilious and the meticulous find fault with the keeping of
statistics on attendance at Holy Communion. Well they may. Their
hope lies in their being able to escape detection; and everything that
tends to give a knowledge of human nature lessens their chance
to bluff. When a man can be doped out, when his moves can be fore-
casted with pleasing accuracy, his ability to get away with it
approaches the vanishing point.

The statistics on Holy Communion show many things. Statistics do
not prove anything qualitative in human nature, but they certainly
show trends; and when a trend is traced, if it is an evil trend it
can frequently be counteracted by the establishment of a contrary
trend.
You will learn a lot about human nature if you study the graph at
the entrance to the basement chapel. You will see what weather has
to do with a man's religion, how the fear of the Lord is instilled
by the approach of examinations, what effect a common occasion of
sin has in destroying the state of grace, how recreation dampens
ardor, how a break in a series of Communions will kill off devotion.
You will also find charity making a strong appeal in certain novenas
and in the Church Unity Octave, humility and hope expressing them-
selves in the Novena for Purity, penance starting off generously
in Lent, devotion to mother triumphing over the lethargy that marks
the social season of May. Study the gains and losses, note the
reasons, and see to what extent you are a creature of environment,
to what extent you can be doped out.

Last Monday was a recreation day. The result could have been fore-
told with perfect ease. Freshman Hall, after swearing fealty to fre-
guent Communion on Saturday morning, reached the low point of the
year. The week before the mission ended with 103 Communions on
Saturday morning. The past week has shown an average of 63 in the
hall chapel. The graph showed what would happen, and Freshman Hall
ran true to form.

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