Anyonewho has visited the office of the Prefect of Religion has been scandalized by the mass of unanswered letters piled there. Most of these letters have a right, through something more than courtesy, to a personal reply — which, under present circumstances, they cannot have. Personal correspondence is out of the question before June, and even then it must be quite restricted since the editing of the Religious Survey of the year requires most of the vacation period. In a lame effort, then, to make some acknowledgements and answer some questions, this Bulletin is turned over today to correspondents.

E.J., Notre Dame: 1. No journalist has a moral right to spread error on any justification of an "appeal to the masses" which support his paper; 2. Catholics have a moral obligation to do what lies in their power to check error when they detect it; 3. If you come "scudding to the office," as you promised, please come with a guilty conscience if you are the fellow who picked up the original of Friday's Bulletin (which was written after bedtime Wednesday night), making it necessary to re-write it during a very busy morning.

S.K., Switzerland: Your guess that the award of the Nobel prize to Sinclair Lewis is subtle anti-American propaganda, is shared by a good many of your countrymen at home. We join with you in thanking God that Sinclair Lewis's America is not ours.

C., Michigan: If that's the way you feel about it, send your application to the Rev. Kermit Realy, C.S.C., Master of Novices. Poverty is no bar. You'll have to take a vow of poverty later on, and you might as well begin practicing it now. A class is now preparing to enter in June.

M., Massachusetts: See answer to C. Give it a try. That's the only way to settle the matter if the Holy Ghost is tempting you to become a priest.

E.C., New York: Surely one can find peace and forgiveness. When one will not learn by the mistakes of others, he has to be patient under the trials that punish his own mistakes. Take your troubles to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: He will not fail you. As soon as you are able to work, get a job. Save money; you never did that before, and you will never be reliable until you can do that. Then you have accomplished something in that way you can talk about the other problem with more assurance.

J.G., Massachusetts: The boy is looking fine -- saw him yesterday. The poor thank you for your generous donation.

M.H., Oklahoma: The Laetare Medal award must reach you through the daily papers; no advance information may be given out. The other information will go forward soon.

J.H.B., Illinois: Thanks again, this time in the name of Father Barron. You will receive the Religious Survey soon, and a personal letter in June.

P.J.S., Cincinnati: The acknowledgement is a month late, but it is grateful. Glad you like the Bulletins.

C., Washington: More copies of the Survey are on the way. Many thanks for many favors, especially the Novenas. That retreat was very interesting.