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DO YOU BELIEVE IN HONOR?

"Honor is a nice sense of what is right, just, and true with a course of life correspondent thereto." Perhaps we can make an interesting application of Webster's definition to something that has been going on at Saint Mary's for the entire year. It is something that has been noticed, especially in the last month, by both faculty and students. It is something that seems to contradict both parts of our definition. It is, namely, the failure of students to report light cuts when trusted to do so. This is going on all over school, but we will take Holt as an illustration because it is the only building for which figures are available.

Not long ago, an unofficial record was kept of the lights on in Holt after eleven o'clock. It was found from the record that there is an average of 10 lights a night, or 300 lights a month. Four light reports a month is the most a room can have and still keep below the punishable number. Subtracting four for every room from the 300 for all of them, we have 184 light cuts above the 116 exemptions. If we divide the 184 lights among the 58 girls of Holt, we have *three* lights for every girl—three lights above the two allowed before the offender is sent to study hall! *And there were exactly two girls in study hall from Holt this month for lights!*

We have an Honor System at Saint Mary's because there are people who believe that there is such a thing as honor, who believe that youth, more than any other age, "sees visions" and "dream dreams." Ordinarily, and elsewhere, leaving lights on after eleven would not involve one's *honor*, and while there are other reasons why one should not disobey light rules, honesty is not, usually, one of these. But when teachers and hall presidents trust us to report ourselves without sugges-

tion from them, the question does become one of honor, pure and simple. We are being trusted, and if failure to keep that trust does not show a lack of honor, then few things do. Perhaps the light situation is not typical of the students' idea of honesty. For the future of Saint Mary's honor system and for the future of the girls here, we will believe that it is not. One way of *making* it believable is to correct this situation.

TOMORROW

The day of new resolves and dreams is always "tomorrow," that day which, set apart from the present and reality by a night, is to be characterized by a new outlook supported by new determinations.

Tomorrow may mean, to some, the day when old hurts may be nursed again, when wounds which could be healed by the night of rest, are reopened. It can better mean that time when all the sorrows of the past are forgotten and a new, happy, unbegrudging attitude is adopted. Most of the worries of the day before will melt into nothing, if left alone.

Tomorrow may also be the day in which the haphazard, lazy methods of the day before are continued. It is ever so easy to begin the new day where the other left off. It is just as easy, however, to begin the new day as though there had never been another and to adopt the best possible attitude, for the individual and for her associates.

Tomorrow, too, is usually the day about which all resolutions are made. (We heard, once, of a man who carried his resolutions out!) The attitude of beginning each day with a clean slate and high resolves is excellent. One should remember that yesterday's woes are buried irrevocably and that all hopes must be based upon the idea that tomorrow is another day.

IS THIS YOU?

The Saint Mary's dining-room looks like a hotel lobby on mornings when people wander in to breakfast any time after 7:30 that suits them. And when Mary and Susie come strolling in after everyone is seated, the serving must start all over again. This not only disturbs the head of the table but the other girls also. Little effort would be required to get up five minutes earlier and be on time. And breakfast is not the only occasion for stragglers; dinner and supper have almost as many. Why shouldn't Mary and Susie be more thoughtful for a change and try to be prompt at meal times?

And then there are Jane and Helen who usually hold up church every Sunday morning. Announcements must be heard and letters are important, but talking above the noise those girls make coming in fifteen minutes late is hopeless. So everybody waits while they are seated, and all announcements are repeated.

Second semester would be wonderful if Mary, Susie, Jane, and all others having the same fault would be more considerate of others, and stop causing the confusion that results from a late arrival.