

# Quiet Must Be Observed

In the company of older people would you talk when they are talking? Among people of station would you show disrespect or rudeness? At the theater would you talk during the play?

Of course the answer is "no" to all of these questions for we are all aware that this is not only impolite, but also disrespectful and inconsiderate. Why, then, in the presence of our Lord do we forget our manners? Remembering that Jesus loved us enough to humble Himself to live on earth as a man and then to be crucified for our salvation, let us be more reverent when we are in His House.

T. T. W.

## The Meaning of Lent

Getting down to brass tacks, what is Lent? It is a time to slow down and look around, look within, and look up.

Look around and see what our lives are doing to and for those with whom we live. What is our attitude toward others? Are we willing to look for the good in everybody and forget that someone may have hurt us? Lent is an occasion to renew this habit and to really emphasize the little things in our relationships with others. As well as cokes or cigarettes, why not give up some time to listen to and understand the real problems of those around you?

As we look within ourselves during Lent, we remember how Christ, a man, refused to yield to the temptations of self-glory which Satan offered. He was able to do this by using strength from the Father. Our self-denial during these forty days is an effort to overcome our self-centeredness.

Fasting has always been the custom of Christians for this self-denial, and in the ninth century, the law required all Roman Catholics to fast from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday except on Sundays. This law was so strictly enforced that only one meal a day was allowed. Today, Roman Catholics from the ages of twenty-one to fifty-nine whose health and occupation will permit eat only a small *breakfast* and lunch and only one main meal with meat. Roman Catholics and Episcopalians are not the only ones who should observe Lent. All of us need to examine ourselves—our motives, aspirations, standards—and try to grow in our personal relationship with God.

Perhaps, it is putting the cart before the horse to look around and within before looking up. After all, the love which flows out to others must come from within us, but its source is God. In the same way, it is from above that we draw our strength to overcome temptation within. The translation of the Anglo-Saxon word *Lencten*, meaning "springtime," gives us a hint of the meaning of Lent which is a time of spiritual renewal and growth, a time when we can understand more fully what Easter means and appreciate the new life which the meaning of Easter offers to all of us.

## How Does St. Mary's Compare?

Recently those girls who had attended prep school before coming to St. Mary's were interviewed about the regulations of their various schools. They were Margaret Midgette, who attended Ashley Hall in Charleston, S. C.; Betty Copeland, who attended Salem Academy at Winston-Salem; and Mary Anne Carter, who attended National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. These girls told of week ends, town permissions, dating privileges, study hall, and lights out.

As far as week ends are concerned, at Ashley Hall the girls are allowed two week ends and two overnights all year, but if something big comes up generally some arrangement can be made. They must be in at 6:00 Sunday night. Salem Academy has one week end first semester and two second semester. Salem also grants one week-end each quarter to girls that have a B+ average in all subjects. National Cathedral is allowed six week ends all year, which also end at 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

There are no town permissions granted to girls during the week at Ashley Hall, but seniors can go to a nearby drug store every day and juniors can go once a week. Salem has five day cuts and town permissions to be taken every Saturday and every Tuesday. At National Cathedral town permissions can be taken only on Saturday.

Dating privileges at Ashley Hall are given one night a week end until 11:00, or when dance is ended. At Salem a girl can date at school or only with a chaperone who must be a man of 30 or over or married or a woman 21 or over or married. National Cathedral girls can date on Saturday three times a month as seniors, once a month as juniors plus dance permissions. They must be in at twelve.

Study Hall is held at all these schools on Saturday morning. At Ashley Hall it is from 9:30 until 11:30; at Salem from 10:00 to 11:00 for those with any grades below an 80; at National Cathedral from 9:00 to 10:00. Weekday study hall is from 5:20 to 6:20 and from 7:15 to 8:45 at Ashley Hall; from 5:00 to 5:45, from 7:00 to 9:00 at Salem; and from 5:00 to 6:00 and

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8:00 to 9:00 at National Cathedral. Whether the study hall is taken in the rooms or in a supervised classroom varies with class standing and grades.

Lights must be off at 10:00 for juniors and at 11:00 for seniors at Ashley Hall; at 10:00 at Salem with 11:00 permissions granted by the Dean on occasion; at National Cathedral it is 10:00 for Juniors and 11:00 for seniors with 3 light cuts a week for an hour each.

According to these girls most of their time at prep school was spent at school, studying.

## Have You Heard?

That Gail isn't here anymore?  
What in the world's come over Turner?  
About the "little red pills" the infirmary is issuing these days?  
That Mary Cameron and Pat went over the wall?  
About the "rape of the lock"?  
That men are the weaker sex — e.g., the number of male faculty members who were "snowbound," compared with the ladies?  
That Lynch is sending her bills to Miss R?  
That Messer knows when C. C. wears loafers?  
That we had "train wreck" for the first time in a year?  
That madras is used to cover pillows?  
That there are just 80 more days?



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