

Religious Bulletin.

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Smallpox.

In your adoration today ask God's favor that Notre Dame may be spared the scourge that is visiting South Bend, and that the progress of the disease may be checked in the city.

Leprosy.

Worse than smallpox and more contagious is the leprosy of sin. In case you have had the misfortune to fall into mortal sin, do what Our Lord told the ten lepers to do: "Go show yourselves to the priest."

Jansenism.

Jansenism is a disease of the moral order. A heresy of the seventeenth century, it still shows its head in our midst. The Jansenist refuses to receive Holy Communion frequently because he is not worthy. He abstains to become worthy. Pope Pius X condemned this last stand of the jansenist, but some Catholics know more than the Pope.

Our Lord had the same difficulty. When he first promised the Blessed Sacrament, "many disciples went away, and walked no more with him," St. Peter said, "Lord to whom shall we go?" Even one of the Apostles at the Last Supper refused to appreciate the Blessed Sacrament.

Beware of Gordon Gin!

Some of the gin the Freshmen have been buying smells like shellac. If you were not familiar with gin before 1915 don't trust your ability to judge. The hospitals and morgues are full of victims who were once full of 1923 gin.

A Pledge.

"I promise, in memory of the Sacred Passion of Our Lord, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors except beer and light wines until one month after my graduation."

Seniors.

The Catholic way to celebrate your final examinations is to offer up a Mass and Communion of thanksgiving. God knows you have a lot to be thankful for.

Grateful Seniors.

"The desire for daily Communion was instilled in me in my Freshman year, and I have had that desire ever since, but I have failed to fulfill it because of intermittent negligence. However, these failures never extended over a period of more than four or five days. My present record, consisting of fifty-four Communion, I think is my best one." --A.

"I received my 566th Communion at Notre Dame today; may all my life be a thanksgiving for this splendid gift." --B.

"The grace of God overcame me in my senior year. I received Holy Communion at Christmas for the first time in six months. I have missed twelve days from then till Easter, and have not missed since Easter." --C.