

## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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### Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

#### The Cross and the Statue.

Yesterday was the feast of the Exaltation of the True Cross; today, of the Seven Dolours. Yesterday commemorated the Passion of Christ; today, the Passion of Mary. The cross crowns the steeple; the statue crowns the dome. Notre Dame stands for sacrifice and knighthood.

This institution is conducted by the Congregation of Holy Cross; it is dedicated to the Mother of God. The patronal feast of the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross is the feast of the Seven Dolours.

Sacrifice---the cross in your daily life---breeds manliness, confidence, courage. Knighthood---devotion to Our Lady---breeds honor, courtesy, purity. These are the virtues of the Notre Dame man.

Sacrifice and knighthood: you find them exalted on steeple and dome; you find them hidden away in Log Chapel and Grotto. They are the lode-stones of Notre Dame. Everything tends to them; everything serves them.

#### Prayers.

It is customary for Notre Dame men to show charity to those in need. Most students here make a general intention of including in all their prayers and good works the intentions recommended to them. A very special intention claims your charity, in a request made yesterday. Pat Hyland, a recent graduate, also asks prayers for his father, who died yesterday.

#### Brownson and Carroll are Slow.

Howard and Freshman Halls have made a fair start at daily Communion; Brownson and Carroll are trailing behind their record of last year. New students should ask their way to the basement chapel in the morning.

#### The Deficit Shrinks.

The collection at the High Mass last Sunday amounted to \$104. This will be very helpful to the pamphlet rack, which is still sick. And until the deficit is cleared there is no prospect of a printing fund which will enable you to spread to the world outside your gospel of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Not a day passes without requests for printed matter on this devotion.

#### Prepare for the Mission.

The Perfect Fool is with us again. He was described on last year's Bulletin as the man who crosses the street in mortal sin, knowing all the time that some thirty thousand people will be killed this year in automobile accidents, knowing that if he died in the state of mortal sin he will go to hell, knowing that he is in the state of mortal sin---and crossing the street calmly, doing nothing about it. He is the Perfect Fool.

The Fool does not like to be uncomfortable. But he is going to be mighty uncomfortable next week if he starts sitting in on the Mission in the state of mortal sin. ---There is no harm in the Fool learning wisdom. It is the part of wisdom to go to confession this week and start the Mission with a clean conscience.

And pray for the success of the Mission.

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