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Liner or Tramp?

An ocean liner comes into port spick and span -- clean. A tramp has no regard for appearances. Your dry dock is Notre Dame; your home port is heaven -- let us hope!

How Much on Charity?

How much should a student spend on charity? How much does he actually spend? An answer to these questions is full of difficulties, but the Survey will give you some interesting statistics. Figures compiled from last year's questionnaires are now ready for publication. Here are some of the tables:

Total expenditures of 600 students on the following items:

Shows	Tobacco	Dainties	Charity	Magazines	Spiritual reading
\$8667.85	\$5098.37	\$4796.85	\$1858.23	\$1628.80	\$312.42

These figures are for the first two-thirds of last year. Add fifty per cent to each item to obtain the total in each group for the year; then multiply by approximately 3 to obtain the total student expenditure on these items for the year.

The total of all the items given above is \$22,562.52. Of this amount \$2170.65, or 9.6% of the total was spent on charity and spiritual reading. There is an interesting difference between the expenditures of the following groups:

	Frequent communicants	Infrequent communicants
Freshmen.....	9.4%	7%
Sophomores.....	8.6%	4%
Juniors.....	8.5%	4.7
Seniors.....	18.8	7.5

The percentage of the senior frequent communicants is brought up from 11 to 18.8 by one donation of \$200 to charity. It is evident that the infrequent communicants spend less on others than do the frequent communicants. That they also spend more money than the frequent communicants is clear from this table, which shows the average expenditures of the same groups as listed above:

Freshmen.....	\$41.62	\$42.43
Sophomores.....	41.97	62.66
Juniors.....	43.93	54.97
Seniors.....	43.40	58.82

The biblical tithe, required by law of the Jews in the Old Testament, was one-tenth of the annual income. Certainly one-tenth of the amount spent on the frivolities listed is not too much to devote to charity.

Prayers.

Prof. Phillips wires that his brother-in-law died Tuesday. Robert Stephan's father has suffered a stroke of paralysis. John McNery has been called home by the grave illness of his father. James Brown and Geo. Coury ask prayers for their sick mothers. Five special intentions and three sick persons are recommended to your prayers. -- A Novena for the Sick will begin tomorrow. Receive Holy Communion and say five Our Fathers and Hail Marys for the nine days. Pray that Notre Dame will be spared the sickness that so often goes with this kind of a winter.

The basketball team wants your prayers today for this evening.