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1/365 Catholic.

The strain of Catholicity weakens and thins out in proportion to one's absence from the vivifying Sacraments. The 1/365th Catholic is the Easter Bird. A flock of these are still roosting in the trees. Throw a few stones during the next two weeks and scare them out. Some of them will make good domestic fowls if you can get them over their shyness before Trinity Sunday.

\$69.70.

Brother Alan reports a profit to the Bengal Mission of \$69.70 from the sale of the Mothers' Day greeting booklets. This will be used for the Sisters' chapel in the new mission among the Garos.

Beer.

What a nose our young sophisticates are developing for beer! It is interesting to speculate on the possibilities, physical and psychical, of their lab work. Not one of them has ever known real beer, but beer-drinking is blasé and they must have the beer, whether from the bath tub, the vinegar jar or the copper kettle. It takes the normal stomach some time to build up an immunity to other toxins; what sort of an upheaval is going on in the gastric region of our young e pluribus unums? Here is a real problem for our College of Science. Has anyone done a thesis on it?

Hot Weather Pep.

Since the arrival of the pleasant days, when it is easy to get up in the morning, a religious fervor is ebbing fast. Right now we are having a Novena for Pentecost, a special season of prayer for conversions. The number of Communion is the lowest it has been since September. It seems the Lord can't trust us with God weather. He loses our service if things go too much our way.

Saturday Night Dancing.

In answer to a letter from a student member of an orchestra engaged for Saturday night dances, the Right Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne has stated that he will tolerate such service where it is engaged for non-Catholic people. This fact is made public to answer the questions of a great many students who want to know how it is that these students can play when other students are not allowed to dance.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the Bishop makes the provision that the dances be for non-Catholics, over whom the Church does not assume Jurisdiction. If Catholics attend these dances it changes the status of the orchestra and the toleration of the Bishop.

The Bishop adds the following significant paragraph: "Of course, in no case would the Notre Dame collegians participate in a dance which might bring dishonor on the institution. I feel that I can safely trust the Notre Dame collegians never to compromise the great school whose name they bear."

The question of student participation in dancing is clear, and the amateur theologians who still maintain that they have a right to dance on Saturday and Sunday evening in public dance halls, are respectfully requested to choose a school in some other diocese for next year. Whoever lives in the diocese is bound by the laws of the diocese during his stay. If any Catholic dares refuse obedience to the statutes of the diocese, he is rejecting the authority of the Catholic Church, and if he receives the Sacraments in that state of mind he commits a sacrilege. Is this clear?