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Bad Debts.

At the close of the fiscal year every business man has a certain number of bad accounts to close as hopeless. If he is a good business man he does not write the off until he has exhausted all possible means of collecting them if they are wort collecting. The last resert is to bring suit. The Trinity Sunday only ten days away, we bring suit today for the collection of our bad debts. Students who belon to the Church are requested to say the Hemorare daily at the Grotto that the Ble. Virgin may get our bad debts the grace to make their Easter Duty. Some of these debts have been carried over a few years, but none of them may be regarded as hopeless. Line forms to the right.

Symptoms of Sophomoritis.

You have al ready been told that the number of Cormunions now is lower than it has been at any time since September. While part of this is due to the senior ball, this particular relaxation should not affect the freshman class. Freshman Hall is 25% lower than at the same season last year, and Carroll and Brownson Hall are 15% lower. It simply means that sophomoritis has attacked the freshman class and the class has succumbed. The outlook for next year is bad.

On the heels of these considerations comes a note accompanying the questionnaire a junior: "This year has been a regular spiritual awakening to me, and the Mission did the trick. I became interested from the first day and stayed till the last. It seems as if the depths of the Church and God were revealed to me, and I became appalled and humbled...... One thing I can say for Notre Dame: it has given me religion, made me a good Catholic, and instilled into me the love of God. I don't think I'll ever forget this. I am satisfied with Notre Dame. It has been worth while to come here for this one thing alone. I'll never forget this, even though I forget everything else I was taught here."

Requiem Mass for Edwin Rowley.

It is six months tomorrow since Edwin Rowley died. A requiem wass for the repose of his soul will be sung tomorrow morning at six-twenty.

Unique.

A spelling contest will take place tomorrow in the South Bend High School. The teachers and pupils of St. Joseph's School ask your prayers that one of the contestants from that school will win. It will mean much to the school. This intention should have a strong appeal. If sufficient interest is developed in spelling throughout the country, perhaps in the passing of the ages we may get some students at Notre Dame who will know how to spell. Help with your prayers.

The Jubilee Next Week.

This is Holy Year for the world outside of Rome. During this year Catholics may gain the Jubilee Indulgences twice, once for themselves or the Poor Souls, the second time for the Poor Souls only. At Notre Dame we will make the Holy Year twice, once for ourselves -- next week -- and once for the Poor Souls, next fall. Beside the plenary indulgence which goes with this, there are other privileges: the compatition or dispensation of certain vows, the absolution of sins otherwise reserved to the Bishop or to Rome; dispensation from certain matrimonial impediments, and forth.

Five visits to the church at Notre Dame on four days, not necessarily consecutive with prayers (five Our Fathers and Hail Marys) for the intentions of the Pope, and confession and Holy Communion are required for gaining the indulgences.

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