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Lenten Devotions 2. night.

Sophomore Hall and the freshmen, canpus and off-campus, are expected to be present at the Lenten Devotions tonight at 7:30 in the church. Father Carroll will preach.

Prayers.

Tom Keating, of Lafayette, Indiana, an alumnus, is critically ill, and is to undergo an operation today. Prayers are also requested for a young girl who has only two months to live. Three special intentions are recommended.

Mite Boxes.

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Mite boxes will be found at the new Lenten Pamphlet rack, near the entrance to the Sorin Hall chapel. They can be put to very good use in the correction of profanity. No one holds out long if it costs him a penny or a nickle to swear. -- But you don't have to be profane to use a mite box. Members of the Holy Name Society may join the Mite League. -- And Bengal needs the money. Brother Anthony is putting up a residence for the Brothers who teach in the Dacca High School, and needs every cent he can get.

What Frotestants May Learn.

Two items from the New York Times of March 8 merit attention on the Bulletin. The first is a rep ort of a sermon by Rev. Dr. Daniel Russell, of the kutgers Presbyterian Church, who is quoted as listing certain things that a Protestant may learn from the Catholic Church:

"A lesson in effective organization; in the vital importance of religious education for the young; in reverence and respect for law; in the value of confession; in indifference to a shifting secular thought, and in the supreme and central import of the Cross.

"If anarchy, Bolshevism or a well-meant but mistaken socialism should ever seriously threaten our institutions, here is a bulwark of defense. Let us stop looking under our beds at night for a Jesuit. Let us stop believing that Catholics are storing arms in their cellars and plotting to take possession of the government. Let us give thanks for a Church which makes such magnificent contributions to our common life."

)r. Russel's wholescme praise is encouraging, but he has overlooked the greatest thing Protestantism can learn from the Catholic Church -- that it should have a Divine Founder if it is to do effective work.

Dr. Beebe, President of Allegheny College, formerly Dean of Divinity at Boston University, said Protestant prayer has fallen short in that it lacks system to permit controlled meditation, and urged upon his students the use of the Rosary. "Protestants are continually being urged but seldom told how to pray," he said, "with the result that the mind is permitted to wander, resulting in reverie rather than meditation. By using the Rosary we would have definite symbols from which visual pictures chuld betaken, holding the mind to the meditation at hand. The only difference between reverie and meditation is that one represents uncontrolled thought, while the other stands for controlled and directed thought, out of which some permanent good may come."

Then Protestants cease to protest, when they come to realize that they differ from one another largely through the different parts of the Truth against which they protest, when they come to accept the Church as a whole, and not piece by piece, then only will hey find the peace of heart for which they are now groping.