

Religious Bulletin

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Father Pays the Bills.

Do you give him a break? The cards are waiting for you, but not so many have called for them. Wednesday is our Father's Day. At least offer Holy Communion for him Wednesday to show the world you appreciate him.

The Engineer in the Leper Colony.

What with the Ball and the Derby and what-not, too many of you missed the story of the young Scotch engineer in the leper colony at Makogai. He is just twenty-two, and has been there for the last year. He had just finished his course in New Zealand and was preparing to get married when he discovered that he had leprosy. He was sent off to the colony, where he lives in a hut with an old blind Chinese. The oddly-assorted pair are great chums. They go about together always. The younger man has taught the other his prayers, and the two of them have a beautiful spirit of resignation and faith.

Four hundred nuns from France take care of the leper stations in the South Sea Isles, of which Makogai is one. It is for these nuns that your alms are solicited now, that they may have a respectable central convent for their infirm to replace the building where they have to raise the umbrellas over the beds when it rains -- every day. Ten cents is the subscription asked. The following students are now taking subscriptions: Ryan Jenkins, Howard; John Harrison, Morrissey; Wm. O'Mara, Walsh; George Byrne, Corby; Wm. Brien, Off-campus; Jas. Rasor, Freshman; Wm. Loughran, Sophomore; E. W. Brown, Badin; Frank Holdampf, Off-campus. More solicitors will be appointed today. Some Chinese embroidery awaits a few of the subscribers.

If you were an engineer, and twenty-one, and about to get married, and discovered that you had leprosy, what would you do? Do what you would want to have some one else do for you. If you found with such a blank, horrible prospect before you, that nuns could make you cheerful, could even make you grateful to God for giving you an opportunity for such a complete service to him, wouldn't you want to move heaven and earth to make things more comfortable for those nuns -- who can never see France again, and will spend the rest of their lives dressing the putrefying sores of lepers?

Pray for these nuns, pray for the lepers, and give all the dimes you can for the cause. Our of gratitude they are calling their new convent-to-be, Notre Dame.

The Rack.

Bills for \$120 have come in since the publication of the announcement of a \$300 deficit. Receipts since that time have been \$197. This still leaves a deficit of \$223. Not much more will be purchased this year, though your principal wants will be met, and the policy of "Help yourself" will be maintained.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

40. How can one rid himself of scruples?

Ans. If they do not yield to a Novena to the Sacred Heart, with nine consecutive Communion, you should place yourself under the spiritual direction of a priest, and follow his orders with absolute fidelity.

Prayers.

Edw. J. Flynn, of Corby, lost his sister yesterday. A prospective freshman of next year living near Rochester, New York, was killed in an automobile accident a few days ago. A little friend of Fr. Wenninger died Saturday after an auto accident the day before. Two other deceased persons and a priest who is very ill are recommended to your prayer.