

Just a Little Discussion of Facts.

Registration began four weeks ago tomorrow. The first week of school is always more or less of a total loss on the spiritual side. The next two weeks were given over to the Mission. Last week approached somewhat the normal state of affairs. We now have some data to work on, and we can look over the spiritual situation and the outlook for the year.

The basic factor in the spiritual life of Notre Dame is the daily Communion calendar. Everyone is interested in knowing what effect, if any, the universal seven o'clock breakfast is having on attendance at daily Communion. A table has been made to show the fluctuations, up and down, from the daily record of last year. Increases over the figures for the same days last year are marked with an asterisk (*); decreases are introduced by a minus sign (-). The table begins with Tuesday, Sept. 14 (this year's reckoning), and ends with last Friday, October 7.

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		*51	*31	*22	*8	-38
*77	-28	-41	*66	*53	-30	*81
*136	*141	*74	*82	*134	-290	-223
*113	*72	-1	*85	*3	*625	

The following explanations of variations are offered:

The first Saturday last year there was a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of George O'Leary, who had died during the summer. The confessions on that day influenced the number of Communion for the next four days.

The second Friday this year was the day following the Dempsey-Tunney fight. The trips to town Thursday night caused a drop in the number of Communion Friday.

The third Friday last year was the First Friday of the month of October; an additional factor was the offering of Holy Communion that day for the intentions of Bishop Noll, who conducted the Mission for upperclassmen. The first Friday confessions influenced the Communion for the following days.

The fourth Friday this year was the First Friday of October.

The daily reception of Holy Communion depends in the last analysis on the conviction that it is worth while, just as going to college, or eating breakfast, or pleasing the folks, depend upon conviction. Enthusiasm and custom have something to do with the start; conviction must carry it through to the finish. If the number of communicants this year does not increase it is because there are not enough students who feel that it is worth while to crawl out of bed enough minutes before breakfast to answer God's invitation to begin the day with the Heavenly Banquet He has laid for us.

Chains and medals have drawn more students to the pamphlet rack than were attracted last year, but while there is much browsing, the stock of pamphlets has not diminished as it should. There is not yet enough desire to learn the why and wherefore of religion, to study the intellectual basis of religious practice. -- And more of this anon.

Prayers.

Bishop Muldoon, of Rockford, a great friend of the University, died Saturday night,