

Religious Bulletin
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What More Do You Want?

A new Sunday problem has presented itself since Lent started. For the first time in several years the number of Communions on Sunday morning is now lower than the number on Saturday. Why? We would appreciate letters from those who went Saturday and failed to go Sunday morning. If you want something more in the way of accommodations for the reception of Holy Communion Sunday mornings please let us know. Perhaps a distribution in the chapel of Lyons or Morrissey Hall, or both, at 7:45, would help. What more do you want? We can't give it unless we know what it is.

Charity and the Like.

Yesterday's collection amounted to \$71.34 and 15 street car checks. This equals the average of the fall Sundays, and is \$10.00 better than the collection of the previous Sunday. But we are still a long way from wiping out the deficit of the pamphlet rack, and until this deficit is materially lessened few new obligations can be assumed.

A gift of \$25 for the milk fund came in Saturday. The donor, whose long life has been devoted to charity, asks that his name be withheld. This brings the sum of donations for this cause to \$109, but only \$48 of this amount has come from students.

Four dollars came in since the last report on Fr. Goodall's horse, donations for which now amount to \$16.25. The last dollar was accompanied by this beautiful note: "Dear Father: This dollar is a fine imposed upon myself for committing a sin I had resolved to avoid during Lent. Please use it as you wish. It is not much but it means a little to me..... P.S. Perhaps it would buy a horse shoe." That means six shoes and a neck for the horse, and two bits' worth of hay.

A recent note from Brother Anthony, C.S.C., at St. Gregory's High School, Dacca, reports that he is still indebted to the extent of \$1000 for the Community House he built last year for the infirm religious. He says further that Fr. Brooks is now in the hills recovering his health after a long and dangerous siege of fever which brought him to death's door. Two years ago Fr. Brooks baptized over 500 converts; that was the year the students raised \$825 for a house for this good Notre Dame man.

Obstacles to Daily Communion.

Why don't you go daily? While it is true that laziness is the most frequent answer (and laziness should not hold as an answer during Lent) it is also true that many students labor under one apprehension or another that will not bear the light of sound theological reasoning. The conditions for daily Communion are two: the state of grace and a right intention. Any Notre Dame student can have these two conditions. If any student feels that he lacks one or the other he should talk to a priest, preferably outside of confession, where the priest can know his dispositions better.

Prayers.

The Prefect of Religion asks prayers for a relative who is dangerously ill. John Conboy, a graduate of the Class of 1916, died a few days ago in New Mexico. Two students ask prayers for relatives who are ill; a professor's mother is quite ill.

Fear of Confession.

Any student who is afraid to go to confession should be told that it is years and years since any confessor shot a penitent. It is certainly foolish to be more fearful of the embarrassment of confession to a priest (who can probably tell you more about your sins than you can tell him) than of dying in the state of mortal sin.