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Feast Transferred.

"Lady Day" or the Feast of the Annunciation, set for March 25, is transferred this year on account of Holy Week, and will be celebrated April 8, the Monday following Low Sunday. It was in Old England the beginning of the New Year -- which was fitting, as it marked the beginning of the Incarnation of Our Blessed Lord.

Still 655 Behind.

The distance between the records of Holy Communion for this year and last was lessened the past week, but yesterday's total was still 655 behind. Yesterday's total was 1886, a new high mark for Sundays; on Friday, the day set for Easter Duty, the number was 1798. The number of those who made their Easter Duty over the week-end was approximately 50.

"They Lost Both."

The Ninth Lesson in the Office of last Friday was of supreme significance for those failed to make their Easter Duty. It was a Homily of St. Augustine on the Gospel of the day, which related the story of the plot of the chief priests and Pharisces again Our Lord when they put Him to death: they were hard put to counteract His influence, particularly after He had raised Lazarus from the dead. It reads:

"The chief priests and the Pharisees took counsel together, but 'Let us believe in in was not one of the suggestions offered. Those lost creatures thought much more how they might hurt and undo Him, than how they might save themselves from perishing. In yet they were afraid, and took counsel together, 'and said: What do we? For this Mand doeth many miracles. If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe in Him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and our nation.' They were afraid of losing temporal things, but they gave no thought to eternal life, and so they lost both." -- Marquis of Bute's translation.

They lost both: The same thing still goes on. We have before us a list of the off-campus juniors and seniors who failed to make the Mission last fall. Twenty-three of them are no longer with us (not counting the ones who received their degrees in February. The twenty-three left because of circumstances which were beyond their control -- at the time of leaving. Thirty-three more of them have met Trouble (note the capital T) and practically all of them are now good Catholics. Ten of the eleven off-campus juniors and seniors now on probation for classes failed to make the Mission last fall. They lost both:

Holy Week At Notre Dame.

Nowhere, in the United States, perhaps, are the ceremonies of Holy Week carried out more correctly than at Notre Dame. Several hundred of you will be here for the week, and you should make it a point to attend them as faithfully as possible. They are the high point of the year in the Church's beautiful liturgy, and unless you make it a point of honor with yourself to avoid everything beautiful and noble you should not deny yourself either their spiritual or cultural value. A Bulletin will be devoted a detailed explanation of the services.

Receive Before You Go.

scidents of travel are numerous, and they have been fatal to Notre Dame men only to often. Be prepared to meet God if He wishes to change your destination -- Home.

PRAYERS: Chas. Schmied's grandmother and a relative of Chas. Monahan died last week. Four special intentions. A deceased friend.