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The Chalice and Ciborium.

The chalice and ciborium ordered by the students of last year for the Prefect of Religion are now on exhibit in the Library. The came during the summer. The chalice was used for the first time on the First Friday in August, and the Mass was offered for the intentions of the donors. The Prefect of Religion makes use of this opportunity to thank you again with all his heart. The two pieces are a perfect expression of your love for the Blessed Sacrament, and they will inspire devotion in many generations of students, while at the same time their exquisite beauty will do honor to the Holy Eucharist.

Justice Before Charity.

While we praise your charity we must not forget that justice comes first. Sunday's collection, for the Bengal Mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross, amounted to \$165.60 and thirteen street car tokens -- but more than that amount of stolen property is reported from various rooms and store rooms.

Are we becoming victims of racketters? Or is the campus losing that fine old distinction between mine and thine? It is all very well to live the community life where it is understood that it implies community of goods, but we are not aware that such an understanding that the student life here has reached that stage; and if it does, it will be the community life as approved by the Catholic Church only if the will of the superior is consulted in the extraviation of property.

The Catholic Church, as official interpreter of the natural law, has some very definite things to say about restitution. Father Stack will mention some of these in his Mission instruction tomorrow morning. If any of the local communists feel need of enlightenment in this matter they may attend this sermon even if their Mission does not begin until next week. Restitution is a personal matter of course, but it has its social side as well, and is consequently a matter that admits of a certain amount of public discussion.

Protestant Neglect of Instruction.

"Our young people are not irreligious; they have no intellectual training which enables them to settle their religious problems adequately. The Catholic boy or girl seems to me far better trained and intellectually more competent in matters of religion and social ethics than the Protestant

"Our American Protestant boys and girls are as little interested in ideas of religion and social ethics as they are in politics and science. They seem to have no ideas on which to build. They have received no training in these matters in school and, apparently, none in their churches.

"So far as I can see the religion of the educated, intelligent Protestant youth of the future will be Christian only in the looser sense. The God of their future will be the experimental evolutionary God of natural science; that is, unless our Protestant church gets together and does some competent creative thinking."

These are the words of Prof. Rogers, of Boston Tech, in an address before the National Business Conference at Wellesley Hills. It is a serious indictment, and a survey of Sunday School instruction made by a Protestant body a few years ago bears out his criticism. Protestant instruction in religion and morals is becoming a thing of the past.

Prayers.

Father Francais, former Superior General, died Sunday night. John "Rome" Dugan of Kansas City, an alumnus, lost his father a few days ago. Four special intentions.