

Religious Bulletin
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Thanksgiving.

Alice Meynell's poem, "The Unknown God," gives us a beautiful thought for our thanksgiving after Holy Communion:

One of the crowd went up,
And knelt before the Paten and the Cup,
Received the Lord, returned in peace, and prayed
Close to my side. Then in my heart I said:

"O Christ, in this man's life--
This stranger who is Thine-- in all his strife,
All his felicity, his good and ill,
In the assaulted stronghold of his will,

"I do confess Thee here,
Alive within this life; I know Thee near
Within this lonely conscience, closed away
Within this brother's solitary day.

"Christ in his unknown heart,
His intellect unknown-- This love, this art,
This battle and this peace, this destiny
That I shall never know, look upon me!

"Christ in his numbered breath,
Christ in his beating heart and in his death,
Christ in his mystery! From that secret place
And from that separate dwelling, give me grace."

(However, one should not leave all his thanksgiving to his neighbor in the pew.)

Receive the Sacraments Before You Go.

Are your lips clean enough to meet your mother's lips? Are you ready for any accident of journey it may be your lot to face? Is your heart at peace with God for a Merry Christmas? The song of the angels was: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will."

Old Clothes For The Poor.

The Knights of Columbus are gathering old clothes this week for the poor. Do your share to keep some poor person warm. There are many needy persons in the local parish.

"Better Things Than Touchdowns."

In an editorial comment on Lawrence Perry's article on religion and Notre Dame football, the Nashville Tennessean makes the following observation: "If in truth the Notre Dame attitude toward religion has brought about results as outlines above, it really would not be important whether it were also an aid to championship teams. There still remain better things than touchdowns." Our answer is that if touchdowns call attention to the fact that there are these better things in life, then God be praised and blessed in all His works -- including football.

PRAYERS: Jos. and John Nelson ask prayers for their mother who is ill. Two students ask prayers for friends who have undergone serious operations. Nic Janson received word yesterday that his mother has been running a temperature of 105 for three days. -- The basketball team will appreciate a remembrance in your prayers. -- Four special intentions.