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Announcements.

Ember Days Today, Friday and Saturday. Our dispensation permits meat today and Saturday.

Lenten Devotions. Fr. Schreier will preach at 7:30 tonight -- on Sin.

Adoration. Gaps in the list are posted on the door of the Sorin chapel. Next Saturday afternoon has several gaps.

Novena for Vocations. This Novena began last Sunday. It is important.

Fulfilling The Prediction.

Last week the Bulletin ventured the prediction that Washington's Birthday would cost 3000 Holy Communions. Brownson and Carroll Halls are doing their best to fulfill that prediction. In the Basement chapel there were 158 Holy Communions the day before Lent began; on Thursday of that week there were 247; on Tuesday of this week, 170. There goes your Lent.

Dancing During Lent.

When fifty students ask you if dancing is forbidden during Lent, you naturally reach the conclusion that at least 500 students failed to read (or understand) a certain beautiful statement in Bishop Chartrand's Lenten Pastoral, which was re-printed for you on Ash Wednesday. The passage in question reads as follows:

"Lent is a season of retirement. Catholics of spiritual refinement will abstain from all worldly amusements and everything which ill comports with the spirit of mortification."

Either we have a reason for observing Lent or we haven't. If we haven't, then all mortification is a delusion and a snare. If we have (and the only possible reason is the one which the Church proclaims), then dancing is thoroughly out of the spirit of Lent. Don't ask any more questions about it. Either be a good Catholic or drop the sham.

For Charity.

Offerings during the past ten days total \$34.42, including \$25 from the Auburn (N.Y.) Club. This brings the parish relief fund to \$1023.79. Two other points on charity claim attention:

1. A student who remained here over the holiday brought in a cake his mother had sent him; he wanted to give it to a poor family. That was beautiful.
2. A great deal of food, which would otherwise go to the poor, is wasted by students whose eyes are bigger than their appetites. That is unlovely.

The Question Box.

There is a new supply of this popular book at the pamphlet rack.

PRAYERS: Wm. C. Brown's brother died a few days ago. Dick Baker asks prayers for his father and a relative who are ill. Deceased relatives of Jim Kearney, Bob Donovan, and another student. A student's brother is to undergo a serious operation this week. Mike Moore was called to his grandmother's deathbed on Monday. Gerard Teevens left yesterday on receipt of a report that his father was not expected to live. A deceased friend. A friend very ill. Nine special intentions. Two thanksgivings. Con Shea asks prayers for a relative who is very ill.