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Save Two Bits For Bengal



The Scholastic has informed you that tickets for the Boxing Show which it is sponsoring will be on sale this week. You have also been informed that it will be a good show and that it will be staged as a benefit for a good cause. We want to add a word about the good cause.

Bengal, India, is the foreign mission field assigned to the Congregation of Holy Cross. Hot as blazes, wet as Kansas, flea-bitten and fever-stricken, it is one of the most unsalubrious countries in the world. Roads are few, and mostly bad; travel is mostly by boat. Living conditions are such that only the spirit of God sustains the missionaries. The political situation adds to the

difficulties at present. — But we'll let Father Goodall tell about it. (He was an engineering student at Notre Dame not so long ago, and Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus.) In a letter received some time ago, he says:

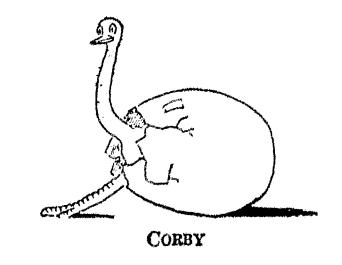
"We are going through a very serious succession of events here in India. First of all, there is the political unrest which has thrown business out of balance. Then we have had near-famine and actual famine conditions in many sections of our mission. Just now we are suffering from high water. Every year we have a rising of water during this time of the rains. But this year the rains have been unprecedented and the rivers have flooded their banks. Our seminarians have had to abandon their building and the Apostolics are living in the High School building at Bandhura.

"The village people suffer much because their bamboo huts are built upon mud foundations. For the ordinary rains this suffices. But when the water comes into the compound and remains there the mud of the foundation becomes soft and yielding, and in many cases this year the houses have tumbled into the water. The rice has not been planted and the planting time is now long past. Even that little rice which was planted will not bring a crop this year as the water came on so fast that the young plants were drowned and will not bear.

"I have come down from my work among the Garos and am to be located at Dacca from now on. I will be more easily available when the Bishop needs me. At the present time I am conducting classes in Moral Instruction for all the students at St. Gregory's High School. You can judge that this is no easy task in that we have Hindus, Musselmans, and Christians in the classes, and the re-

ligious sensitiveness of none must be offended or we would have a walkout. At the same time I am keeping a few Garo boys in my house to enable them to attend the high school. We have no high school facilities in Garoland, and although the Garo mission is relatively new, some of our boys are really worth the investment in high school education."

Back up these Notre Dame men in Bengal. Save two bits for the Boxing Show. They say the Sorin-Corby bout alone will be worth it.



Announcements

Tomorrow is the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, Candlemas Day. NOVENA FOR THE SICK (addressed to Our Lady of Lourdes) begins tomorrow.

PRAYERS: Fr. Connerton, Superior of Moreau Seminary, lost his father a few days ago. Peter Trolio asks prayers for his sister, and Joe Dreucker for his grandmother; both are ill. John J. Cummings, Dillon Hall, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday. A deceased friend. Five special intentions.