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The Blessing of Throats.

The blessing of St. Blaise will be imparted tomorrow. The rectors will announce the time for this ceremony in their hall chapels. In the basement chapel it will be given frequently between 6:15 and 7:00 a.m.; in the Sorin chapel at 10 minutes after each hour, from 7:00 till 11:00, and again at 12:30. (Please respect these hours. There are too many calls for the Sacraments in the Sorin chapel to be taking time out there constantly to give the blessing to individuals who suit their own convenience about coming for Sacramentals.)

Your "Statement of Attitude."

At the pledge boxes in the halls you will find gray cards entitled, "Statement of Attitude on Drink." These were printed in accordance with the expressed desire of students who do not abuse liquor in any way, and who wanted an opportunity to make this known without signing a pledge. If one or two of the statements on this card fit your case, you will help the cause by checking it, signing your name, and returning it to the Prefect of Religion.

Movies And The Index.

In answer to questions regarding the movie shown in Washington Hall last Saturday night, the Bulletin wishes to state that while as a book the story would be condemned by the general decree of the Index, the decree has not been made to cover stage presentations. However, if the reason behind the condemnation of a book is still present in a stage production, the natural law makes the stage production wrong.

The section of the decree concerned in the case of last Saturday's movie reads as follows: "Rule 8. Books defending as lawful or harmless, Freemasonry, divorce, Socialism, suicide, duelling." In the case cited, divorce is pictured as not only harmless, but as positively beneficial; there is added the plea for morality by popular vote in the phrase, "This is the twentieth century." Divorce is against the natural law and the divine-positive law as much now as it was in the time of Christ.

It might be said in passing the reason for the condemnation of the works of Dumas is given in the above rule 8. When the villain commits murder he doesn't get away with it; both his character and his punishment made murder odious. When the hero does the same thing, it attaches a glamour to murder. That is wrong.

It should also be stated that the presentation of a movie in Washington Hall does not mean that it has positive approval. While a conscientious effort is made to select pictures that are above reproach, it sometimes happens a recommendation is accepted from some one who does not know the rules.

PRAYERS: Frank Treiweiler underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday. Mrs. Rockne is leaving this evening for the Mayo Clinic. Frank Ryan, Sophomore Hall, asks prayers for two friends, one deceased and one ill. J. J. Welsh has left for home to have an operation for appendicitis. C.D. Jones asks prayers for his father, who is very ill. Jas. Munn recommends the souls of a departed uncle and a deceased friend. W.C. and J.P. Burns ask prayers for their pastor, who is quite ill with pneumonia. Miss Helen Shipley, of Chicago, who has been a guest at some of the student dances here, was killed in an automobile accident in Florida last week. Five special intentions.

THE ADORATION CARDS are in the hands of the promoters in the various halls. You can facilitate matters by signing promptly and generously. The cards cover the whole of Lent, and two adorers are needed for each half-hour. Each hall has been assigned some ten per cent more cards than the number of students in the hall.