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Giving Mother A Break.

The number of Holy Communions received during the Novena for Mother's Day was 16,448. This means an average of 1828 a day; it also represents 71% of the available communicants (excluding the non-Catholics and 90% of the Villagers - the latter because only 10% of the student residents of South Bend and vicinity come to the Sacraments here.) Not the full 1828 made the Novena, however; a few drops of rain fell on the morning of the fifty day, Saturday, and the number of communicants dropped that morning from 1856 to 1764. (That's where Mother didn't get a break.)

Bengal's Final Bow.

The Scholastic has again taken up the cause of the Bengal Mission, and has announced a show for next Saturday night. It was Fr. Holderith's idea - we passed it along. He has arranged to transfer next Saturday's movie to Friday night (you can't go to town that night, anyway, unless you are attending the Senior Ball). The movie scheduled for the Bengal Benefit is the official Washington Bicentennial picture; the rest of the show is the local talent you like. The charge is a quarter (and 100 quarters will keep a native seminarian in board, room, laundry and tuition for one year in Bengal.) We are still some \$600 below our contribution of last year.

Hey! That's Not Fair.

Outside readers of the Religious Bulletin are rushing to the relief of the Pamphlet Rack. That's nothing new, but it's not the idea. The purpose of publishing the recent financial statement was to arouse the students to some sense of duty towards the Pamphlet Rack, which is maintained for their benefit, and should be self-supporting. To encourage its use by impecunious students, the slogan, "Everything free," was adopted years ago. The Rack has never paid its own way; some years as much as \$500 (personal gifts from outsiders) has been turned over to the Rack. Donations of that sort this year have usually been applied to the Poor Fund.

We thank the readers for this generous assistance, but we want to tell them that the call for assistance was not meant for them. Collections in church this month have reduced the deficit of \$354 by \$188; the Rack has supplied some \$10 more. In addition we have to acknowledge the following gifts: "For a good cause" (the poor), \$5.00; from the Accountants' Picnic, \$1.00; three students, \$1.00 each; another, \$2.00. The Pamphlet Rack deficit has grown a bit, however, by a few new orders; we hope also to continue our annual gifts of \$50 to the Catechists of Victory Noll, Huntington - a gift which has come in the past from a Pamphlet Rack balance.

The Novena For Pentecost.

You were given two intentions for these nine days: the spread of the Faith, and the needs of the Fort Wayne Diocese (this is its Diamond Jubilee year). Some seventy-five students have handed in names for the Novena. Meanwhile, the eleventh conversion from the last Church Unity Octave has been reported - a First Communion yesterday. -- It is worthy of note in this connection also that ten students have become Catholics this school year -- also one workman employed at the University. (And there are at least ten students registered here as Catholics whose consciences can tell them that they have deliberately rejected the graces that these ten converts have received. Whose is the loss?)

PRAYERS: Father Walsh will undergo an operation for appendicitis tomorrow morning. Deceased - the father of Wm. J. Hagerty, C.S.C., of Moreau Seminary; a nephew of Henry Becker (auto accident); Dr. Williamson, an alumnus; two friends of students. Ill - a sister of George Bolting; an aunt of Jos. Eurb; two relatives of Wm. Hawkes; four friends of students. Eight special intentions.