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The Pledge And The Freshmen.

At the Mission services last Thursday night pledge cards were handed to the students and the suggestion was offered that they bind themselves to abstain from intoxicating liquors at least until the Christmas holidays. Coupons from these cards have been returned to the Prefect of Religion to the number of 220, divided as follows:

Dillon Hall.....	93
Freshman.....	46
Brownson.....	44
St. Edward's.....	18
Carroll.....	16
Off-campus.....	3

Graded according to the number of students in each hall, Brownson has made the best return - fifty per cent. Dillon is next, followed closely by Carroll.

Upperclassmen will be given the same opportunity this week, towards the close of the Mission. Those upperclassmen who bound themselves by the pledge last year and whose period is still open are asked to sign a renewal - purely for statistical purposes. The coupons returned last year have been destroyed; they had served their statistical purpose, and personal records were not desired.

The freshmen who have thus bound themselves to a supernatural act of self-denial will, if history repeats itself, have occasion to congratulate themselves on their good sense from time to time this fall.

Motives For The Pledge.

We might review a few of the motives proposed for taking the pledge:

Good Example. If you don't drink, or if you drink and never abuse liquor, you don't particularly need the pledge for yourself. However, if your example in signing a pledge for three months will encourage a fellow who does need the pledge to sign it for a similar period, you should be mindful of your obligation to help your neighbor save his soul.

Catholic Attitude. By signing the pledge "as a protest against the abuse of liquor," you emphasize the Catholic attitude that while liquor is not evil in itself, total abstinence from liquor for a supernatural motive is an act of virtue which contains a certain degree of heroism. Consistent and widespread emphasis on this Catholic attitude will do much to remedy the liquor evil resulting from the Eighteenth Amendment.

Reparation. If you have abused liquor in the past, you owe reparation for the injury to God; if you have given bad example by your conduct and have injured the good name of your parents, your school, or your church, you have additional need of reparation.

And Another Thing.....

If you will not sign the pledge because you intend to get drunk at some future time - say Christmas or New Year's - you must not go to the Sacraments, for the intention to commit a mortal sin is a sin in itself and such an intention would make your reception of the Sacraments sacrilegious.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Albert David's grandmother; the father of Jake Purcell, '27. Ill - the mother of Joe Burke, '26, and Tom, '27; Dick Shiels' mother; Connor Cronin's sister (injured this summer); a friend (dying); two friends of students. Three special intentions.