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The Real Depression.

From one issue of a daily paper we glean the following items:

1. Red, a dog, and Peanuts, a cat, left a trust fund of \$20,000 in the \$50,000 estate of a widow.
2. Six persons slain during a night of shootings.
3. Million dollar fugitive hangs self in cell.
4. Soviet enslaves 160 millions.
5. Robberies, burglaries, gambling and beer raids ad nauseam.
6. Investigation ordered of charity coal distribution.

And the following, for the other side of the ledger:

1. Public hospital facilities exhausted, private hospitals offer 400 beds for the poor.
2. Letters to Santa Claus ask for food and clothing this year, not toys.
3. "The free hot meal at noon is the only one many of the underprivileged children of the city get."
4. Relief station opens for needy public workers.

The real depression is in the observance of the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Evangelical Counsels. Agnosticism is having its day. Its altruism sounds lovely in the idylls of its propagandists; its realities look bad when they are reported on the front page.

Before you condemn the widow who left 40% of her estate to Red and Peanuts, examine your conscience. Perhaps 40% of your spending money this fall has been wasted on things just as futile.

The Adoration Today.

Two years ago, when the student body went to town to greet the team on its return from California, Moreau Seminary was asked to supply adorers for the adoration periods imperilled by the exodus. This year there was ample notice of your intentions given by the Director of Studies, and the 28 who had signed cards for adoration between 11:30 and 2:30 were queried to see if this would be necessary. At the present writing only seven have stated that they will not be present - and they have volunteered to take care of these periods if there is need for them. Two years ago the seminarians reported that there were students present every period, in spite of the celebration. This is praiseworthy, and demands recognition.

Alms.

For Fr. Barron, \$6.00; for the poor, \$2.00, \$1.20; for Bengal, \$1.71, 1.79, 1.00; undesignated, \$1.00. Fr. Barron's Christmas check (for only \$21 this year) went forward before the receipt of this last gift; we are starting a new fund for him with this one - and he needs it, as a recent letter implies that he has recovered from his illness and is back on the job, trying to build a thousand dollar school. Some Notre Dame men are going to share in the hundred dollar donation; we find some tough cases among them too. The family of twelve received a substantial donation of girls' clothing from a reader of the Bulletin. Many thanks for all these gifts; may God reward the donors with a very happy Christmas.

PRAYERS: Deceased - the father of Richard and Marion Griffin, alumni; the mother of J. M. Bradley, '32; five friends of students. Ill - a priest; Bishop O'Hearn, of Rochester, N.Y.; Robert Balliet (appendectomy); a niece of Father O'Donnell (operation); Bob Scott's father (operation). Four special intentions.