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Santa Claus Was Good This Year.

The Christmas stocking for the poor established by the Bulletin in December was filled to overflowing by the time the books closed. The result was that the poor people on our list received twice as much as we had expected to give them. They seem to have been made twice as happy - and there were perhaps twice as many happy donors as there were a year ago.

There were fives, tens, and twenties among the late contributions - and there was a shower of one-dollar bills. One contributor of \$12 sent this note with his:

"A part of this money was originally intended to buy a Christmas present for my "sweetie" but I think those who need the money will enjoy it more than she would a present."

If this "off-campus'er's" sweetie appreciates what he did, so much the better for her; if she didn't, so much the better for him. It's better to know about selfishness before marriage than after.

The mother of twelve for whom you gathered clothing received a one-dollar bill and two tens. She writes: "I thank you very much. I have been praying hard to get some things what my childrens need." She isn't thinking of herself.

A boy writes: "The twenty dollars are just what I needed; I am going to have mother's teeth seen to - they have been bothering her for a long time, and now I shall be able to take her to a dentist." He isn't thinking of himself.

We spoke of two old ladies in North Carolina. They received \$20. One of them writes: "You can rest assured the check was very acceptable and seemed large to me. My sister has been bad off all fall and winter. Her spine is awful and her nerves are all a breakdown. She has had jerking all over and she has trembled and jerked and she has pellagra, and seven weeks ago she was taken with shingles. They liked to killed her. The doctor said she weighed about 50 pounds. She is on a diet for the pellagra so you see how thankful we are. Our Blessed Lord gave it to the ones to send the checks. He knew how much my poor little sister needed nourishment better than I could tell it. Please give our most humble thanks with so much appreciation we can never tell them how much we appreciate their kind gifts. God bless you all is my prayer."

Two orphanages received five dollars each; a few other poor families were helped; Fr. Barron, out in Korea, received a second check, this one for \$32, making \$53 in all. Bengal received \$35 from Fr. Farley's mite boxes in Sorin, and \$1.05 from Walsh Hall.

All in all, it was the right kind of Christmas. When people learn that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" there will be no depression.

Prayers.

Deceased: Bishop O'Dea, of Seattle; Bishop McMahon, of Trenton (a Bulletin reader); Francis J. Kilkenny, '12; Art Becvar's father; the father of J. L. Williams, '32; the mother of Judge Hosinski (South Bend) and Brother Peter, C.S.C.; the mother of Bro. Basil, C.S.C.; a relative of the late Jos. Dennis Murphy, '28; two friends of students (one, a mother, left an infant child; the other, a father, left four small children). Ill: Fr. McAllister's father; Cyril Entrup (appendicitis operation); Archie Schwartz's grandmother; a little son of Dennis J. O'Neill, '26; Ed Tobe's brother (operation); the father of Jack Adams, '27 (another operation); Bill Dempsey (recovering from pneumonia and pleurisy); the fiancee of H. J. Bohling, '31. Seven special intentions.