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The White Carnation.

The following note is from a widower whose son graduated a few years ago:

"Dear Father: Perhaps upon the suggestion of the Bulletin I received a very pretty card from my married son suggesting that while this is Mother's Day 'somehow you and mother mean so much to me that I cannot think of one without the other.'

"If children but knew the satisfaction parents receive from slight recognition, there would be more such greetings."

Alumni Catholic Action.

"Dear Father: Will you please ask the boys to pray for a special intention: we want the annual retreat of the Notre Dame Club of New York to be a success. We are holding it at Morristown, N.J., over the week-end of May 19th. I am sure that with the prayers at Notre Dame our ambitions will be realized. It is a hard time to run such an affair, as no one has much money to spare.

"I hope that the religious affairs of the New York Club are meeting with your approval. We had a good attendance at the Mass and Communion breakfast in memory of Rock on April 2 - and we did our share in helping the Bengalese by buying a box for their Brooklyn show. If this retreat is a success I will feel that we have accomplished something; that is why we are asking prayers for this special intention. -- D.G."

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Nothing is more pleasing to the authorities at Notre Dame than reports such as this. The Pittsburgh alumni held a successful retreat in January; the New Jersey group pioneered in this project, and its annual gatherings at Morristown are a source of great edification. Quite a few of the old boys from Indiana and neighboring states attend the Laymen's Retreat at Notre Dame every August, and retreat houses like Mayslake, near Chicago, draw a great many individual graduates when Notre Dame groups are not formed.

The Lay Retreat Movement is one of the most hopeful indications of the virility of Catholic life in America. When physicians, lawyers, judges, business directors, and clerks will leave their affairs for three days, to spend the time in silence and meditation of the eternal truths, they are generating a spiritual force that can re-make American life. During this Holy Year especially, retreats should be popular; in them we can best carry out the injunction of the Holy Father to study the lessons of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

More power to the New York alumni. We pledge your prayers for their success in this spiritual venture, and we promise your support for other groups who will follow their example. Notre Dame is glad to hear of the material success of her sons, provided this does not imperil their salvation; but she is much more interested in their spiritual success. She knows that if they are loyal to the Church, and are earnest in their efforts to save their souls, they will always be true to Catholic principles. With that assurance, her existence is justified.

Prayers.

Deceased - the mother of Joe Blaney, '32; the father of Robert Goodwillie, ex-'19; a brother of John Killips (airplane accident); the mother of three seminarians in the community (Mrs. Weber); an aunt of Mike O'Connor; four friends. Ill - the mother of John Conlin, '31; the mother of George and Gerald Stack; relatives of Robert Kelley and Robert Devaney. Four special intentions; two thanksgivings.
Gaps in Adoration: (Note those for Tuesday and Wednesday)