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"Bankrupt Protestantism."

You recall the sensation caused during the holidays when 29 Episcopalians, including Ralph Adams Cram, prominent architect; an Episcopal nun, and 21 Episcopal clergymen, signed a manifesto, stating, among other things, that:

"Protestantism, once the religious of by far the greater part of the American people, is bankrupt ethically, culturally, morally, and religiously. Its driving force, negative at best, has exhausted itself, and it has ceased to attract or to inspire. The forces of the day have proved too strong for Protestantism and it is disintegrating rapidly. The utter futility of the Protestant position is more and more apparent and it is probable that the fiasco of Prohibition, for 20 years the mainstay of American Protestantism, has delivered the coup de grace. Protestant churches are attended by fewer people each year and by those who are middle-aged, rather than by the members of the rising generation."

"Ut Omnes Unum Sint."

After scoring Protestantism, the document openly urged reunion with Rome. And as a means to that reunion, all Episcopal clergymen were asked to join in observing the Church Unity Octave between January 18 and 25.

That Octave of prayer for conversions was initiated by the Friars of the Atonement in 1908, when they were yet an Anglican order of priests. Two years later, in 1910, the Friars came over in a body to the Roman Catholic Church. Now the Octave is observed, with full approval of the Pope, by Catholics throughout the world.

Here is Christ's own prayer for conversions, uttered just before He died:

"And not for them only do I pray, but for them also who through their word shall believe in me

"That they all may be one, as thou, father, in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Our Observance.

With double energy let us at Notre Dame this year observe the Church Unity Octave. Let us pray more earnestly than ever before that the grace of Faith and the fruits of union may come quickly to all earnest seekers for Christ's truth and His will upon earth.

Be sure to take care of your own. Write down today--when you think of it--the names of non-Catholic relatives and friends, and drop your list into the pledge box in your own hall, or into the box at the Dillon or Sorin Pamphlet Rack.

These lists will be collected before Saturday morning and will be placed on the communion altar in Dillon Hall. There they will share specially in the eight Masses and in the particular prayers to be offered up during the Octave.

The world will believe in Christianity when "Christianity" believes in Christ!

MASS TUESDAY: Mass of St. Hilary, pp. 702 and 1114; 2nd coll. of St. Felix, p. 702.
PRAYERS: (deceased) cousin of Charles Flanigan (Freshman); friend of Sam La Leo (St. Ed's); Eugene McBride '16; Sister Lourdes; father of Richard Gilfoyle '25; Ambrose Major '86. Ill, K. C. Lattimore; friend of student; sister of Tom Carney (Alumni); Mr. William Bowerman, Rochester, N.Y.; father of Virginia Corcoran.