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A Letter From India.

Last Fall, a collection was taken up at the Student Masses for the Holy Cross missionaries in Bengal, after an inspiring sermon on the missions by Father Graner, receiving returned from that country. The following letter of thanks was written by father Brooks, C.S.C., who has been in charge of the diocese since the death of Bishop Crowley, C.S.C.

"My dear students: Father Graner has sent on to me for the work of the Bengal Missions in Dacca Diocese your recent most generous donation. The proverbial deep and solid Catholicity of Notre Dame men that shows itself in every aspect of your life once more is proven.

"Students the world over have a hundred places for the loose change left over from school expenses. Letter to Dad often end up with a touch for a sawbuck to cover an unexpected 'laboratory fee' and yet your generosity finds a magnificent sum for the Missions. You have been doing that sort of thing for years -- ever since Notre Dame was Notre Dame --, and in the enthusiastic support of the markedly successful Bengal Bouts, and in other Mission activities of one sort or another.

"Those of you who covered the Pacific area on Uncle Sam's recent world tours saw with your own eyes that the Catholic Church is really catholic. You were glad and proud to find the missionaries of the old Church active in every corner of the world, bringing the Faith to the people of the East just as centuries ago some missionary brought it to your forefathers in Germany or Poland, in Norway, Ireland or the Isle of Capri.

"The work of the Lord is always going on, as it has always gone on, since He walked the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and you are taking your part in it. You are active with your prayers for the Missions, with your little sacrifices that, taken together, amount to so much, It is possible in the Providence of God than some of you may be called to join the endless procession of missionaries that has marched across the world down the centuries. There hasn't been greater need for recruits to the Army of the Cross since the days when the barbarians blitzed the Roman Empire. You will be happy in that Army, in this world and in the next, if God whispers the good word to you.

"That He may bless the studious activities of you all, and that He may reward your generous hearts, in the daily prayer of the Holy Cross Missionaries in Bengal, and of Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

C.F. Brooks, C.S.C. Administrator"

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Sister Lucilla, CSC (Students' Infirmary); Mr Frank Maher, and old student; friend of Joe Simonet (Morr); uncle of Father Leo Gorman, CSC; grandmother of Pat Hughes. (<u>Ill</u>) sister of Mother Elena, CSC; father of "Bo" Richards, '30; aunt of Tom Krass (Mission House); mother and sister of Ed Mathieu (B-P) Two Special Intentions. PRESS BUZZER IN DILLON OR CAVANAUGH (AFTER 7:30) TO THROATS HLESSED TONIGH' RECEIVE BLESSING OF THPOAT.

