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The Age of Miracles.

A miracle is a derogation of the laws of nature of such a character that it can be ascribed only to God. Miracles were performed by Our Lord to prove that He came from God. Miracles were frequent in the early ages of Christianity. They are not so common now. But miracles will continue as long as God's power over nature continues and God wills to exercise that power to further his designs. The age of miracles is not past.

Modern Miracles.

There are plenty of miracles nowadays, if one cares to look for them. Bro. Columba's devotion to the Sacred Heart effected many cures. None of these have been declared miraculous, although many of them may have been miracles.

A Real Test for Miracles.

Miracles occur frequently at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, in France. A severe test is imposed before a cure is declared miraculous. The patient must bring from home the certificate of local doctors that they consider his case incurable. He must then be examined by the official clinic of Lourdes in the presence of any unbelieving doctors who may care to act -- and the case must again be declared beyond the reach of natural agencies. (Nervous diseases are not admitted to the test.) The cure must then be submitted to similar tests, and time is given to test the permanence before the cure is pronounced miraculous. Any plenty of miracles are registered under these hard terms.

Your Care for the Sick.

Cures are effected frequently in this country through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Annals of Our Lady of Lourdes, published bi-monthly at Notre Dame carries the stories of many of them. What others have done for their relatives and friends, you can do for yours.

How to Proceed.

February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. February 2 is another feast of the Blessed Virgin -- her Purification. Follow these directions:

1. Make the Novena from February 2 to February 10;
2. Send home a vial of Lourdes Water (get it at the Novitiate);
3. Get a Lourdes medal at the pamphlet rack;
4. Visit the Grotto every day for the nine days.

Tomorrow's Program.

- 5:30 -- Blessing of Candles and Procession.
- 6:15 -- Mass in the Church (students attend).
- 7:00-8:15 -- Holy Communion in basement chapel.
- 8:20-12:00 -- Holy Communion in Walsh Hall chapel.

The Blessing of Throats.

Sunday after Benediction: the blessing of St. Blase.