

Religious Bulletin.

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Three Cents' Worth of Penance.

The mite boxes for the Bengal Missions distributed early in Lent netted the grand total of \$45. This means an average of three cents per student, as 1500 boxes were distributed. It means that on an average, each student took half a cent away from cigarets, candy, movies and dances each week during Lent to give to the Holy cause of spreading the faith in Bengal.

Three Cents' Worth of Sins.

If this return is an indication of the real spirit of penance, shown by the students, we are in a very prosperous spiritual condition, because if each student has only three cents' worth of sins to atone for, we are a holy people indeed. We don't want to perish; and we know that Our Lord says, "Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish"; and we may conclude that the three cents has wiped out our debt.

The Sinners of Walsh Hall

Walsh has the biggest sinners on the campus, if we can judge by the size of its penance, for while the average for the school was three cents, Walsh Hall averaged twelve and a half cents. Let us hope and pray that the notorious sinners of Walsh Hall will see the errors of their ways.

Profit of Loss

At present writing the cost of the mite boxes, express from Washington, etc., has not been figured out. It is hoped that the cost will not amount to more than three cents each, as the burden of supplying this attractive method of penance should not fall too heavily upon the poverty-stricken missions!

William Dockman. R.I.P.

You have the tragic story of the death of William Dockman, of Brownson Hall during Holy Week. Nothing that has happened at the University this year has made such a profound impression. The Catholic thing to do now is to pray, and pray earnestly, for the repose of his soul. A Mass for this intention will be sung in the Church Saturday morning at 6:15. It will require a peculiar kind of courage for a student to absent himself from this Mass.

Divine Providence and Your Charity.

Why is it that when a frequent communicant like Frank Walsh or William Dockman dies he always has the benefit of hundreds of Masses and Communions and good works, while the daily papers bring us news of the passing of plenty of rascals who have no one to pray for them? God takes care of them in this way. The prayers left over are turned to the benefit of the forlorn. And why is it that God takes only the good from Notre Dame, and leaves the rest of us? God's mercy rules His providence, and He takes those who are prepared in order to warn us sinners not to remain unprepared.

Prayers.

Over the holidays requests have come for prayers for five deceased persons, seven who are sick, and three special intentions.