

"The Big Brute Lacerated the Baby's Face."

Perhaps the big brute didn't do that, but many a Notre Dame man has given his Alma Mater a black eye.

"Go to Church Sunday."

There has been a lot of discussion lately about the emptiness of churches. A recent survey of 573 churches in New York state showed a total Sunday morning attendance of 27,727 persons, while two moving picture houses in an up-state city on a single Sunday evening had a total paid attendance of 14,100. In the city of Washington a check of forth churches showed less than 7,000 at worship, while in forth theaters more than 50,000 persons were being amused.

Are Catholics Slipping?

Conservative figures furnished by pastors of five Catholic Churches in New York showed an attendance at Sunday morning Masses approximating 40,000. Five of the thirty-one Catholic churches of Washington totaled slightly more than 20,000. Figures of the five New York Churches gave St. Patrick's Cathedral, 10,000; Our Lady of Loretto, 8,000; Most Precious, 7000; St. Eucharist's, 7000; and St. Monica's 7,500. The attendance figures given by pastors of five Catholic churches in Washington are: Shrine of the Sacred Heart, 5,400; St. Matthew's, 4,800; St. Aloysius', 4,000; St. Patrick's, 3,000; and St. Paul's, 3,000.

Religion and Sports

Antolyeus, in the Catholic Universe, takes occasion from this to make a few sage remarks of sports:

"A Catholic paper asks if America is giving up religion for sports, and quotes figures which show that 45,000 people attended a horse race, 50,000 a prize fight, and 70,000 a football game. Why worry? Possibly the people interested in sport are the people interested in religion. Men keen about sport are usually live men, and live men are religious men. The man who is too phlegmatic to go to a football game is often too lazy to go to church. The man who is interested in neither sport nor religion is usually dead from the neck up. It is significant that Catholics excel at sports. A live religion breeds live men."

Public Penance.

Scandal is the sin of causing another person to commit sin. It may be committed by word or action. A person who gives scandal is bound to repair, in so far as possible, the damage done. A person who gave public scandal in the early Church was bound to do public penance. Public penance is still enjoyed in many places, although weak faith makes it difficult of execution.

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