

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.
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The Novena.

Add the following intentions:

Recovery of a lost article.

Better health for the father of a student.

Three special intentions.

A conversion.

The deceased father of William White, recent graduate.

The deceased mother of Professor Cunningham.

A deceased relative of a student.

Three sick persons.

John Rourke, who fell dead near the post office.

Thursday morning.

Remember Nebraska.

If you want to wreck the team, gamble. Honest recreation may and should be offered for the honor and glory of God. College football will go the way of all crookedness if you try to make a business proposition out of it.

Study the Graph.

The supercilious and the meticulous find fault with the keeping of statistics on attendance at Holy Communion. Well they may. Their hope lies in their being able to escape detection; and everything that tends to give a knowledge of human nature lessens their chance to bluff. When a man can be doped out, when his moves can be forecasted with pleasing accuracy, his ability to get away with it approaches the vanishing point.

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The statistics on Holy Communion show many things. Statistics do not prove anything qualitative in human nature, but they certainly show trends; and when a trend is traced, if it is an evil trend it can frequently be counteracted by the establishment of a contrary trend.

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You will learn a lot about human nature if you study the graph at the entrance to the basement chapel. You will see what weather has to do with a man's religion, how the fear of the Lord is instilled by the approach of examinations, what effect a common occasion of sin has in destroying the state of grace, how recreation dampens ardor, how a break in a series of Communions will kill off devotion.

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You will also find charity making a strong appeal in certain novenas and in the Church Unity Octave, humility and hope expressing themselves in the Novena for Purity, penance starting off generously in Lent, devotion to mother triumphing over the lethargy that marks the social season of May. Study the big gains and losses, note the reasons, and see to what extent you are a creature of environment, to what extent you can be doped out.

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Last Monday was a recreation day. The result could have been foretold with perfect ease. Freshman Hall, after swearing fealty to frequent Communion on Saturday morning, reached the low point of the year. The week before the Mission ended with 108 Communions on Saturday morning. The past week has shown an average of 63 in the hall chapel. The graph showed what would happen, and Freshman Hall ran true to form.

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