

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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Two More Days.

The close of the Easter season is upon us. Friday and Saturday remain before Trinity Sunday draws the veil upon the practical Catholicity of some of our friends. Pray for them that they may not make shipwreck of their faith. Faith is hard to get, and it is harder to get back when it is lost. To trifle with Faith at Notre Dame requires desperate foolhardiness.

The Litany of the Damned.

A story is told of an old priest who pleaded long and ardently, but in vain, for a hardened old customer to accept the Last Sacraments. At last he pulled out his black stole and put it on, and said to the old sinner: "Well, and if you won't, the least I can do for you is to chant the Litany of the Damned." "Oh, no, Father, not that. Give me time." "Sure and why not? You're as good as in hell already." "Not while there's a breath left in me. I'll be good, Father; I'll be good."

Empty Pockets and Empty Heads.

The Current Commonwealth comments extensively upon the following paragraph from Father Burns's Universal-Notre-Dame-Night address:

"All American colleges and universities contain a number of young men who lack intellectual ambition or purpose. They go to college, not to study, but just to enjoy the experience of college life and to carry away a degree.... They are there, and they cannot easily be got rid of." The address goes on to say that there are other boys who are not there because, although they have good heads and intellectual ambition, their pockets are empty.

Our Esteemed contemporary stresses the empty pockets; we find the empty heads a more pressing problem. While we should not inveigh against an All-Wise Providence for this uneven distribution of brains and dollars, we can at least suggest to the empty heads that they make a Novena for Sense.

Fifty Golden Years.

The Rev. Daniel E. Hudson, C.S.C., celebrates a double jubilee today, the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and of his editorship of the Ave Maria. There will be no celebration of this imposing event; even the warmest affection and worshipful admiration of brothers and friends must respect the deep humility that has made this power in Catholic letters almost a recluse all the days of his life. We will rejoice for him today, and with the Holy Father, who has sent him a message of singular affection, we will pray that God will give him many more beautiful years in the service of the Mother of God. The statue of the Dome has blessed this place in which we live; and the Ave Maria, which has faithfully mirrored that statue through a long span of years, has carried that blessing to every clime.

Where the Survey Goes.

Through interest aroused by a Catholic banker in New York, a non-Catholic bank president in Detroit has asked for a copy of the Religious Survey, which he regards as an invaluable aid to the understanding of the young men in his employ.

The First Friday Adoration Will Be Interrupted.

The funeral of the Rev. Francis McGarry will be held in the church tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. From 7:40 till 10:10 the adoration will be interrupted. The Mass of Exposition will take place as usual at 6:30.

John F. O'Para, C.S.C.,
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