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You Needn't Cough.

Coughing in church is bad form. Go to the infirmary. Sister Cœlia has plenty of cough medicine not too strong for freshmen. Make the rest of the Mission a more decent exhibition of home training.

Where the Money Goes.

How much does the average student spend? On what does he spend it? Lots of people want to know. The average student does not know. For the first twenty-five weeks of last year the Religious Survey has some interesting statistics, which will be published with the next report.

HOW MUCH DOES HE SPEND ON CHARITY? The Old Law in the Bible required that the Jews spend ten per cent of their incomes on divine worship. Many non-Catholics make it a point to will to charity from ten to fifty per cent of their estates. Not so many wealthy Catholics do this. A writer in The Commonwealth a few weeks ago criticized the Notre Dame students, accusing them of lack of charity. The writer stated that apparently frequent Communion had not fostered charity. He knew, but he did not give, the following facts (which are taken from the Survey of March, 1925:

The freshman infrequent communicants spent an average of \$42.43 per man on the following items: shows, tobacco, dainties, magazines, charity and spiritual reading. 7% of this amount went for charity and spiritual reading.

The freshman frequent communicants averaged \$39.96 per man, with 10% of their total devoted to the last two items.

The senior infrequent communicants averaged \$48.88 per man, with 10% of their total for charity and spiritual reading.

The senior frequent communicants averaged \$35.62 per man, of which 18% went for charity and spiritual reading.

A page from the ledger of the freshman infrequent communicants looks like this:

Expenditures	shows	tobacco	dainties	charity	magazines	sp. reading
	\$10.	5.	2.	1.	2.	0
	15.	15.	1.	4.	.50	0
	15.	10.	10.	0	0	0
	100.	20.	10.	10.	5.	0
	15.	28.	2.	8.	6.	1.50
	30.	25.	0	0	10.	0
	1.25	3.	2.50	0	0	0
	35.	0	6.	2.	3.	.10
	20.	4.	2.	2.	3.50	.50
	.50	1.20	.50	1.	.50	.50
	20.	8.	1.50	2.	1.	0

and so on ad infinitum. It may help to show you the figures.

Your prayer are requested for three special intentions.

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