

Freshmen No Longer.

As usual, the heavy heart-smashers at the Palais Royale are the Sophomores. The apron strings are loose, and they are running wild. The fatter they are the harder they fall.

Father Brooks and Van Wallace.
(A Communication)

"Dear Father O'Hara:

I have read your recent article on the conditions under which Father Brooks is living in India, and it seems to me that the students of Notre Dame should be a bit more interested in the Missionaries of the C.S.C. After all, we should remember that Father Brooks is an educated man, a college man, a Notre Dame man who is isolated in a pagan land.

"Keeping this in mind, and then reading how he exists, without even a decent table or chair, should, to my notion, excite in the minds of the students some desire to help him.

"I have heard that Father Brooks is to have a vacation soon; this means that he will be back among his own people. Do you not think that he could go back to his work in a far more cheerful frame of mind if he knows he is returning to a house that is fit for a man and a priest? Must the men of the Order suffer today the same privations that Father Sorin had to suffer in 1842? I know they are doing that very thing cheerfully, but why is it necessary? Certainly a missionary can do better work if he has a fit place to live in.

"You say that eight hundred dollars will build him a good house. This means that thirty-two cents from every student at Notre Dame would make such a place a reality for Father Brooks; four bits apiece and he could not only have the house but in addition have a few of the other things he needs in helping the Hindus to Heaven. See if you can't get the boys to kick in; here's mine to start.

"If we help Father Brooks this way I am sure he will help us attain an end that is dear to every Notre Dame man's heart. Let Father Brooks and his converts help us pray Van Wallace back to his old-time health and Notre Dame. The prayers of newly converted pagans must be effective, for you have often told us that "the Lord hearing a strange voice always answers at once;" and what could be stranger to God than the voice of a newly-converted Hindu.

"Money can't help Van, but it will help Father Brooks who in turn will see that many a prayer is offered for the one engineer with grit.

"A.B."

Dear A.B.--Your letter will go down as Exhibit A in the rejoinder to the indictment of The Commonwealth against the charity of Notre Dame students. The dollar you enclose is a good foundation. The Junior Class, particularly the Engineers of the Junior Class, are interested in Van. Perhaps this is the suggestion God has been waiting for to help Van; something has to be accomplished certainly before he is cured. The suggestion is passed on to the Junior Engineers for action.

Holy Hour Tonight.

The Mission will close tomorrow morning with the renewal of the Baptismal Vows; tonight the fruit of the Mission will be summed up in a beautiful hour spent with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is well an occasion that will never be forgotten. Upperclassmen who wish to attend should feel free to do so. All freshmen should receive Holy Communion in the morning for the indulgences of the Pascal Blessing.

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Students with a little time on their hands can gain themselves some eternal merit by addressing First Friday cards to off-campus students. Call at 141 Sorin.

You Seem to Know.

"Dear Bulletin: Your opening gun in your annual bombardment of the sophomores was not so judicious. At the Palais Royale last night (before your Bulletin appeared) I was curiously interested in the problem of sophomore attendance, and I found that the juniors outnumbered the sophomores two to one. And at the horse-radish bars in the forbidden territory most of the customers were juniors. Some very nice freshmen of three years ago are treading strange paths lately. "T-Square Senior."

Frank. Could you give us statistics on the freshmen who were missing from the Mission that night? As for the juniors who seem to worry you, their case is described in Perseverance, which you will find at the pamphlet rack. When there is a common strain in people it will out. Unfortunately, that is especially true of the Irish.

For Father Brooks and Van Wallace.

Five persons read the Bulletin yesterday. As a result, The Father Brooks-Van Wallace Fund is \$2.93 richer. The score follows:

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1.00
J.B.....	.50
A.C.....	.50
Freshman Hall.....	1.00
W.E.....	.33
Anon.....	.10
H.O.....	.50
	<u>\$3.93</u>

Only \$796.07 to go. Next week we will add to this the savings of the sophomores and juniors who stay away from the Palais Royale during the Mission.

The Little Flower Today.

St. Theresa, "The Little Flower of Jesus," is patroness of the game today. Pray with the team and for the team that there will be no injuries and that the men will give a good account of themselves. And tomorrow thank God for victory.

The Other Mission Starts.

Tomorrow night at seven-thirty the upperclassmen will gather into the big church for their Mission. The exercises of the past week have been wonderfully successful. Most of the freshmen have been accounted for; the others will be heard from during the year, between now and Trinity Sunday. (Some of them, of course, will not last that long, for the things that kept them from ~~xxx~~ making the Mission will operate to impose their presence upon their parents and strain the family tie before the lilies bloom on bridal veils.)

Upperclassmen know from the past that the graces they receive through any spiritual exercise are limited by their capacity to receive. Each reception of the Sacraments increases that capacity. Daily Communion is essential.

Prayers are requested for five deceased persons. Clarence Leilly of last year's class was injured in a wreck yesterday, but not seriously.

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