

Religious Bulletin
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The Mission.

It was the middle of last week before some of the freshmen discovered that there was a Mission going on. Nose about a bit, you who read bulletins, and see whether some of the seniors are not just as dumb.

For Father Brooks.

Eighty cents more in nickels and dimes, a dollar from a freshman, nine dollars from a visitor, and ten dollars from a professor, brought the Father Brooks-Van Wallace fund up to \$24.73....only \$775.27 to go. Dance money should send the fund kiting this week. The following letter came with the freshman dollar:

"Dear Father: Enclosed please find a slight contribution for Father Brooks, which will help Van Wallace also.

"Will you kindly, in some future Bulletin, inform newcomers how they may ask questions and make observations of general interest, or obtain personal advice.

~~"As a newcomer at Notre Dame I am tremendously impressed by the systematic manner in which devotional 'propaganda' is disseminated among the student body. The pamphlet system seems to me a skillful way of getting a 'religion-shy' youth interested. Ideals of Youth is an especially inspirational article.~~

"Curious and interested -- another A.B."

Many thanks for the dollar. It will put a new log in Father Brooks's chair.-- Letters to the Bulletin should be mailed to the Prefect of Religion, Notre Dame, Ind. (Thus far the United States Government has kept its hands off, the mail derogatory to the engineers.) The editor determines what is of general interest. If a letter is not deemed suitable for publication, the editor usually requests the writer to call for an interview.

Personal consultation is constantly urged. While the Bulletin attempts to give brief, pointed answers to personal questions, and while this method has the advantage of reaching a great many other students who have the same question to ask, it often happens that what is needed is not a brief, pointed answer, but an exploratory treatment that gives the spiritual advisor a view of the background of the problem. Many student questions need to be "smoked over." The Prefect of Religion and the other confessors are regularly assigned to this duty; but a student may feel free to ask any priest on the campus for spiritual advice, with the full assurance that while the sacramental seal of confession binds only in matters of confession, any confidence entrusted to a priest outside of confession is regarded as sacred.

Novena to the Little Flower.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 30, is the feast of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, the "Little Flower", who was canonized May 17th last. On the day of the feast we begin a Novena in her honor, consisting of daily Communion and a special prayer for nine days. Intentions for this Novena may be handed in through a basket in the rear of the basement chapel.

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