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Novena for the Sick.

This morning we began a Novena for the sick relatives and friends of Notre Dame men, with a special plea that God spare us from the ravages of contagious disease, which is so common in this kind of winter. Add a prayer for James Hartley, a junior, who is suffering from a grave malady, diabetes, which is particularly fatal to young people. He is remaining at home for treatment, and expects to be back with us in September. He will, with the help of God, if we pray hard for him. -- Add another prayer for Joe Laughran's brother, who died Christmas Eve, on the day and at the hour of his birth, fourteen years before. -- Add two special intentions. -- Add a prayer for E. F. McKenna's grandfather, who died two days ago.

Help! Help!

Students looking for something to do this afternoon can find it in the Sorin Hall chapel. A few cheerful souls are needed to set the chapel in order after the re-decorating it has received during the holidays.

Students looking for a worthy cause to which to donate their surplus wealth will find it in the office of the Prefect of Religion. An interview with the picture framers convinced the authorities that it will cost about \$100 to place on exhibition the marvellous reproductions of Michael Angelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes of the Last Judgment and of the Creation. Cash Christmas presents received by the Prefect of Religion cover this bill, but these have been placed to relieve the deficit of the pamphlet rack, and the picture frames still have a deficit of about \$82.00.

The friends of Father Brooks contributed \$824 to build him a house; if they still want to help the Mission of Notre Dame men in India, they can start on Father Finner, who wants to do his share towards the conversion of the 80,000,000 pariahs, or official outcasts of that vast country, who esteem themselves as lower than dogs. These poor people make good Christians; and it is only Christianity that can take from their lives the enshrouding gloom that closes out hope.

How Much in Charity?

You were given some figures yesterday. Using the mathematical process suggested for arriving at a total, it appears that over \$75,000 was spent last year on the six small items of shows, tobacco, dainties, charity, magazines and spiritual reading. On shows alone the expenditure was more than \$30,000. If out of your total expenditure you would give as much in charity as you do for shows, some worthy causes would benefit greatly. -- The pamphlet rack (with medals, beads, etc., added) cost \$3600 last year. It certainly did more good than the shows.

In 1924 the American people spent \$100,000,000 on chewing gum and \$20,000,000 on foreign missions -- and the gum chewers haven't anything to show for it except St. Vitus dance in the lower jaw.

How much do you spend on sin? On charity you should spend at least as much as you do on sin.

The Corporal Works of Mercy.

Listed above you have several specific appeals for the exercise of charity. The Prefect of Religion will make it his business to find more opportunities for the exercise of charity, because it is a good thing. Some of those listed above are corporal works, some are spiritual. When Our Lord described the Last Judgment He represented Himself as giving heaven to the just for the practice of corporal works.