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No Church Tonight.

As announced Sunday, the Tuesday night sermon has been cancelled; Lenten devotions will be held this week and next only on Wednesday evening. It is a shame and a disgrace that this measure should have to be taken, but we can't go on asking preachers to use their valuable time on empty pews. There's something wrong. Faith is lukewarm!

Correspondence.

I.

A student asks a series of questions on spiritism and magic. Detailed answers would require the space of at least two Bulletins. He can find a summarized answer to his questions in Hill, The Catholic's Ready Answer; his interest shows, however, that he would profit by reading Benson's The Necromancers. Try the Apostolate Library in Brownson Hall or the Lemonnier Library for these books. (The Prefect of Religion can furnish a copy of the former volume.)

II.

"Dear Father: What I can't understand is why the students of Notre Dame rush up to the altar so madly and frantically in the morning. This trying to beat your neighbor strikes me as being very irreverent. I would not care to bring a non-Catholic into the church at such a time because I am sure he would not be favorably impressed. When I witness this rush every morning I wonder if they knew what they are about. I would like to know whether such action is justified. -- A student."

Don't be too hard on the boys. They mean well. A lot depends upon the point of view. You remember the story of the two Irishmen who commented upon the actions of two rival clergymen in the home town, one a priest and the other a Presbyterian minister. It seems that both of them owned fast horses and were not averse to exercising them. Tom and Jerry were at their ditching one day when the minister sped by at a 2:40 clip. Jerry threw down his shovel in disgust. "Would you look at that, Tom!" he exclaimed. "What kind of a way is that for a minister of the Gospel to be carryin' on -- horse-racing down the main street!" A few minutes later the priest drove by, doing just a bit better than 2:40. Tom beamed. "Did you see that, Jerry?" he asked. "The dear man of God can't get to his church fast enough."

III.

"Why don't you leave the four Brownsonites right the Bulletin?"

Because it is a Religious Bulletin.

Prayers.

Dr. Thomas Dehey, of Cleveland, Ohio, at one time Professor of French at Notre Dame, is critically ill. The last report from his bedside stated that a consultation would be held that day to determine whether he would be able to stand a necessary operation. Your prayers may bring about a favorable issue. -- A student asks prayers for a relative who is in desperate condition from gangrene.

A Good Sign.

The number of Mass intentions handed in by students during the Month of March to date is 307. Sixty-five of these were for Wm. Mitchell. This thoughtful form of charity has been on the increase each year and is a hopeful indication of development of a Catholic mind.