

Religious Bulletin

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We Can't Send a Cable.

It would have been a very gracious thing to cable the Holy Father that we were 100% loyal to him in his Near East proposition and 100% grateful for his blessing; it will not do to cable that we are 23% behind him in the exchange of students and 50% appreciative of his benediction. We still have a week in which to redeem ourselves, however.

A Thin Dime for the Lepers.

The drive for the lepers will close on Wednesday of this week. If you have not been visited by a solicitor, you can bring your dimes to the office of the Prefect of Religion. It certainly takes a peculiar psychology to be deaf to the cry of the lepers. Father Damian, who gave his youthful energy and vitality to them, and died a victim to duty -- making himself in everything one of them -- is looked upon by the non-Catholic world as one of the world's great heroes -- since Stevenson raised his powerful lance in his behalf. Brother Dutton, the retired General of the United States Army, a convert, who is still carrying on the work of Father Damian, determined to go to the lepers after a retreat at Notre Dame: the Golden Dome is one of the lingering memories of the native land he deserted in favor of God's most afflicted children.

Give a thin dime for the lepers; like the cup of cold water for which Christ promised the reward of heaven, it will not be forgotten.

Rogation Days.

These three days preceding the feast of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, are called Rogation Days. Each morning at five-thirty a procession moves from the church to Dalvary, near Moreau Seminary, singing the Litany of the Saints, to bless the fields and ask the favor of Divine Providence for our temporal necessities.

General Confession Before You Go.

It is a useful practice, for all but scrupulous penitents, to make a general confession at the close of the year. It will be found particularly helpful for seniors. Such confessions may be made at any time, but it would be a bit selfish for students to take time out for them during the rush hours of the morning in the basement chapel, or in the Sorin chapel before nine-thirty. Two priests are in the basement chapel every evening from 6:15 till 7:00; this is an excellent time for consultation on matters of conscience. The Sorin chapel is attended all day, except from 5:30 till 8:00 p.m.; a bell will summon a priest.

Prayers.

Two deceased persons, three who are ill, one accident victim, and three special intentions are recommended to your prayers.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

75. Does a college man know when to go to bed without being compelled?

Ans. What is a college man? When the experiment of all-night lights was tried in Sorin Hall a few years ago five seniors had to be dropped for low scholarship.

76. How do others stay pure?

Ans. By prayer and sacrifice. The element of charity is often overlooked: impurity essentially selfishness; stinting yourself to give to others overcomes selfishness.