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North Carolina - Continued.

Last week the Bulletin gave you the story of destitution in North Carolina -- a story so pitiful that some skeptics thought it fiction instead of truth. It was not fiction, and it might have happened closer to home -- in Foxtown, for instance, where a fire last year, in which two children were burned to death focussed the attention of South Bend on a family of eight existing in one room.

But it happened in North Carolina instead of South Bend, and since mention was made of the fact that the case was brought to the attention of the diocesan authorities, it might be well to tell how they are situated. The diocese of Raleigh, which includes the whole state of North Carolina, has but 6,500 Catholics, and these, scattered all over the state, are mostly too poor to support their priests. One of these priests, Father Jas. P. Gallagher, came North this summer to solicit help, and visited Notre Dame in the opening days of school. He has just sent us the following plea for help:

"I am sixty-two years of age. I went to school at seven, quit at ten, and never saw a class-room again till thirty-four. That gave me twenty-four years of experience in the industrial world. By the grace of God I made the grade and was ordained for the North Carolina Mission Field. I am now located in Dunn, North Carolina.

"The town has a population of four thousand, with a Catholic representation of eighty-five souls. As a result, I have the honor of being pastor, sexton, Altar Society and Ladies' Aid, all rolled into one.

"Needless to say, the Sacred Heart Church of Dunn is not self-sustaining. Last year I had to meet a deficit of \$618.25. A missionary here must have assistance from the more favored centers, otherwise his efforts will be useless. During the past five years I have succeeded in benefitting the foundation in many ways, but there is yet much more to be done. Any assistance will be most gratefully received."

There is his statement. It gives you some knowledge of the condition of the diocese upon which the case of destitution referred to is thrown. And it is one more opportunity for you to assist in spreading the Faith. The Bulletin will be glad to forward to Father Gallagher any donations you wish to make; and in case you wish to help in the case of the unfortunate sisters mentioned last week, such donations will also be forwarded. Nine dollars for their relief are already in hand.

"All Idols Have Feet of Clay."

In case you missed this Bulletin and wish to look it up, it appeared last Wednesday, November 5. The invitation in the last line still holds good.

Prayers.

The prayers of the Novena for the Poor Souls begins at 5:00 p.m. today in the church. Ray and Francis Troy were called home yesterday by the death of their father. Vincent Burke's father underwent an operation yesterday. Wm. Hogan's father is quite ill. Frank Donovan, '30, asks prayers for his infant son. Dan Lencioni's grandfather died yesterday. John McKiernan's grandmother is very ill. A friend, killed in an accident; another friend, fiancée of a senior, died; another friend of a student, reported dying. A sister of a priest is suffering from a nervous breakdown. Six special intentions. Brother Regis, C.S.C., of Dujario, lost his father recently.