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Perhaps the Depression Helps.

A poverty-stricken mother of three little kids came seeking help the other day. Her husband, a husky lad and a good worker, has had no work except odd jobs for more than a year. They receive .5 a week from the county, and out of this they keep themselves and two helpless men they have taken in out of the goodness of their hearts. The mother and father want to take instructions, not that it will make any difference in the charity they have received all winter - they know that - but because they feel the need of God.

It took a lot of faith and hope to say what this mother said: "Do you know, I think these hard times is a good thing. They make people think. Here we are - we ain't been to church in such a long time, and it don't seem right. And people was just gettin' awful. I tell you it ain't right the way they was livin' and it takes somethin' like this to bring them around."

Perhaps the depression has helped. Statistics indicate that this year (the Silver Jubilee Year of the decree on Daily Communion) has been better at Notre Dame than last year. There has been an increase of 100 in the daily average reception of Holy Communion. We had an additional nine days of Adoration - well attended. The number of those whose Easter Duty is not on record is only 9 - a much smaller figure than usual. Alms-giving has more than doubled. Here are a few estimated totals, based on recent calculations:

Total number of Holy Communions.....	343,000
Periods of adoration.....	15,000

Donations for Bengal.....	1760.00
Donations for other missions....	200.00
Alms for the poor.....	1700.00
Mass stipends.....	2000.00
Pamphlet rack.....	3000.00
Saint Olaf Shrine.....	850.00

Not all of the donations listed above came from students; possibly \$2000 came from outside sources. Student offerings were much better than usual, however; they were surpassed only once, in 1926-27, when the total passed \$10,000 without the Mass stipends. These are included this year because they represent a beautiful charity - most of it towards the Poor Souls.

We have done nothing as yet for our local diocesan friends, the Catechists at Victory-Holl, in Huntington, Indiana. But the pamphlet rack will probably have a balance that will enable us to give them \$50 - and the donation this year will go to the Catechists in the field, at Cerillos, New Mexico, where they need a school bus for the little Mexicans and Indians under their charge.

One other charity deserves your attention - particularly during this summer. It is the restoration of Sacred Heart Church. Sixty years ago yesterday the corner stone of your church was laid. The church was built by the small offerings of a great many people; it should be restored and completed on the same scale. A recent letter from a mother shows the spirit that built your church: "I received your booklet and hope to save and send you twenty-five dollars. I worked and sent..... to Notre Dame. I wish to thank our dear Lady for having him under her care and for the many blessings we have received through her for steady work and good health...."

Prayers: Deceased: John Aggoman, Jr., 22-24; Leo Keating's father; the father of Chas. Mooney, 26, and Bryan Crosby, student last year; relatives of Jas. T. Doyle and Paul McManus. Injured or ill: John English; relatives of Mr. Weigand, Don Waufile, Bob Heydon, Vincent Ransoli; three friends of students. Two thanksgivings; nine special intentions.