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Bengal Mission Sunday.

The collection at the student Masses Sunday will be for the Bengal Mission. The March collection was forfeited, you will recall, in order to help the Catholic University of Peking. The benefit basketball game intended as a substitute for this collection, fell very much short of expectations - not on account of any lack of work on the part of its backers, but because a blizzard interfered with attendance. Keep this in mind in making your offering Sunday.

Third Sunday Indulgence.

The Plenary Indulgence which the Holy Father grants once a month to Notre Dame men is available to all who receive the Sacraments on the Third Sunday, provided they pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of April.

Four Masses For Your Fathers.

Remember that four Masses will be said for your fathers Sunday, and that one was said on Father's Day. If you failed to offer Holy Communion for your father on that day, make up for your neglect Sunday.

The Bad Debts Novena.

We have given you suggestions on what debts you may pay during the next nine days. A few more may not be out of place. Make it a Novena for Father's Day if you slipped up on that. Make it a Novena for Thanksgiving to God for the favors you have failed to recognize as coming from Him. Make it a Novena for the Poor Souls, especially for the faithful departed who have had a right to your prayers.

Please!

Only a dozen questionnaires are needed to fill up the number needed for a representative Survey. If they don't come in promptly we will have to close the books, get at the work of classification, and tell the world in the introduction that this is an inferior year.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

32. Why do fellows take impurity so lightly? They think everything will be all right after confession.

Ans. They don't. They lie when they say they do - unless they are low enough mentally to crawl under a snake. The Catholic of normal mentality hates himself, loathes himself for his weakness - and the bragging you hear about it occasionally comes from cowards who are trying to talk down their own consciences. The next time you hear such bragging, simply say: "You should be ashamed to admit it." Watch him crawl into a hole in the floor.

33. Please give an answer to the argument that impurity is natural to youth.

Ans. Cardinal Newman does that beautifully in his sermon, "Nature and Grace" (Discourses to Mixed Congregations). In substance his argument is as follows: Animals follow instincts, and are guided solely by them; man's nature is subject to a higher law, the law of reason; his acts are not pre-determined, they proceed from his free choice. We might add an argument from Foerster, who lives in an age of greater decadence: Those who argue that man must not repress his animal impulses are themselves the great repressors, for they repress the will, a faculty which sets man above the animals.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Mrs. Edwin Striegel, a students' landlady; the father of Raymond Schueth, Ex-'28. Ill - Chas. Petretic (operation at 4:00 this morning); Jas. Wardell's father; Edw. L. O'Malley's sister; Walter Layden's brother; Wilbur Sheehan's cousin; Fred McLaughlin's aunt. Three special intentions.