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"The Greatest of These is Charity."

Mr. Robert Borland, manager of the University Dining Hall, died this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, after a brief illness. Your prayers are requested for the repose of his soul; on Thursday of this week, feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, you are asked to offer your Holy Communion for this same intention.

The poor had no better friend than Mr. Borland. It could not be told during his lifetime, but we feel justified now in letting you know that Mr. Borland was the principal supporter of the Bulletin's Fund for the Poor. Whenever an urgent request for the poor was made through the Bulletin, Mr. Borland contributed - from twenty to fifty dollars. Every Christmas called for a special contribution for the poor. Not even his most intimate friends knew of these contributions, although they suspected other charities - or caught him on secret missions for the relief of the poor.

The night before he was taken to the hospital he outlined a plan he had in mind for the extension of the relief work of the University. (Whether it can be carried out without the directing force of his personality is a matter of conjecture.) It was, therefore, with his heart set on the relief of God's poor that He went to meet the Judge Who promised to say, "I was hungry and you gave Me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, naked, and you covered Me, sick and you visited Me...." God is faithful: He keeps His promises. We can with confidence apply to Mr. Borland the words of St. James read in the Divine Office last week: "Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation, and to keep one's self unspotted from this world."

Questions From The Questionnaire.

90. How can one strengthen his conscience?

Ans. By prayer and mortification, by spiritual reading and meditation. If you want a short course, read Jacques Debout's "My Sins of Omission."

91. Why is not the Guardian Angel brought to the fore more often?

Ans. Quien sabe? Every time you attend Mass properly you say a prayer to the Guardian Angel of the Catholic Church, St. Michael, the angels are invoked daily in the liturgy of the Mass and Divine Office, and the Church has a feast of the Guardian Angels in the calendar, in addition to the feasts of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The student Religious Survey published a year ago revealed that 60% of the students of two years ago never prayed to their Guardian Angels - a condition which reflects small credit on their mothers, or whoever taught them their prayers (if any).

92. How should one ask for advice in confession?

Ans. One of the following formulas may fit your case - if it doesn't, make up your own: "Father, I have something I want to ask about." "How should I go about correcting this fault...?" "What reading would you suggest for.....?"

93. What are essentials for the priesthood?

Ans. Mental, moral, and physical fitness. The mental equipment necessary for the studies; the moral ability to avoid mortal sin, at least for the future; and a physical makeup sufficient to stand the strain of studies and of a more or less sedentary life. Students who have had no preparatory work in Latin need not be discouraged by this fact alone; make-up classes are easily supplied.

PRAYERS: Tom Moynihan's mother is ill. A deceased uncle of John Porcuro; a deceased friend of another student. Three special intentions. -- Leave at the Sorin pamphlet rack the names of those for whose conversion you want the prayers of the Pentecost Novena.