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Thanks All Around.

The Bengal Mission owes a big vote of thanks to The Scholastic, to Father Holderith and his assistants, to Al Stewart and his Jugglers, to John Perone (the boy with the big hand), to Smoky Coyne, Nordy Hoffman, Dan Smyth, Ed Kraus, Ernesto Gil, the long-suffering ticket sellers, the hilarious house, and everyone who helped to put over the big show Saturday night. The crowd could have been bigger, but we wouldn't have wanted the show any funnier; when Perone talks you out of two bits in a good cause you are sorry it wasn't two bucks.

It is a good cause. The feverish rainy season is on in Bengal at this time; this always means that some of the missionaries will be incapacitated for some time—tossing on their beds and praying for some relief. Those who took a nice cool walk Saturday night may still hand in their quarters to buy a bit of quinine for the fever-stricken missionaries; a mite box at the pamphlet rack in Sorin is marked for your donations.

For the Holy Father.

It was suggested at Mass yesterday that you offer your Holy Communions these three days for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, whose 75th birthday occurs on the 31st of this month. And you needn't stop then. You can still give him a remembrance in your Holy Communions during the Novena for Exams, which will begin Thursday. You owe at least this much appreciation to the great figure who is guiding the Church through these troublesome times. The voice of Pope Pius XI is literally heard round the world in the broadcasts from his Vatican radio station; and it is doubtful if any Pope has ever had greater influence on his contemporaries.

Ember Days.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember Days. Your dispensation from the fast and abstinence holds while you are here, provided you do the work you are supposed to do. This proviso was added by the Bishop of Fort Wayne when he granted your dispensation.

Trinity Sunday.

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the end of the time allotted for fulfilling your Easter Duty. If any of your friends or relatives at home are neglecting this obligation, pray for them this week—and send a reminder if you think it will do any good. When death comes suddenly, the greatest comfort a Catholic can have is to know that the deceased was a practical Catholic.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

136. Why do you step on the freshmen?

Answer: They are least offensive when they are humble.

137. Why do freshmen have 10 o'clock lights?

Answer: Come to think of it, 8:30 lights would be better for them.

138. Have all the late Popes advised daily Communion?

Answer: Yes. What does that prove?

Prayers.

A little daughter of Professor Coty died last night. Wm. P. Brown, who was graduated in February, asks prayers for his father who is very low. Bob Leppert asks prayers for his father, an accident victim, for two relatives who are very ill, and for a cousin who was killed in an accident last week. Ed. and Hugh Fitzgerald and Chas. Schwartzel ask for prayers for their deceased grandfathers. A relative of Jack White died last week. Ferdinand Krantz asks prayers for his father who is ill. Four special intentions.