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Isn't The Depression Working Yet?

One might hope for some results by now, but there are signs that it hasn't yet done for some the work it should be expected to do. Take for instance:

1. The birds who hold the taxi while they check in at 11:45 and go out the back window;
2. The lizards who haven't started to study;
3. The chiselers who are hooking and crooking to make all the football games;
4. The fairhaired boys who are getting money under false pretences from the family exchequer;
5. The non-skid minds that are balking on the Mission.

During a depression one might expect the services of the Novena to the Little Flower to be so crowded that they would have to be moved to the church. Fifty is a rough guess at the average attendance at the two services.

No, there isn't much sign of thought as yet. We can keep on waiting. Tampico got a hurricane the other day; perhaps we need an earthquake.

"Fiat Lux."

"And God said: Let there be light. And light was made." -- Book of Genesis.

There is no cause to be alarmed at the newspaper reports that they are "creating matter" out in Pasadena. The press is a poor textbook for science - but if by the verification of the wildest reports of the newspapers on the experiments going on in the laboratories of the California Institute of Technology it could be shown that force is converted into matter, one has still to account for force and life and the immaterial soul of man.

The catechism teaches us that by "creation" we mean "making something out of nothing." Making it out of force is something else entirely. And having something to stand on while you make it is also a horse of another shade. We are still a long way from the Divine "Fiat lux," by which light was made.

What Pamphlets Are For.

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How About Beer?

A great many students who contemplate signing the pledge are asking whether or not beer (3.2) comes under the head of intoxicants. It is an intoxicant, but some of the boys who went collegiate last April when 3.2 was introduced can tell you that it is easier to get sick on it than it is to get drunk. If you want to sign a limited pledge, it is your privilege to write in whatever exceptions you please; if you prefer to make the sacrifice more worthy of the motive - the Sacred Thirst of Our Lord upon the Cross - omit the exceptions.

Prayers.

The mother of Fr. Wm. Burke, C.S.C.; a friend of a student; the father of Wm. P. Brown, Malone, N. Y. Three special intentions.