
The Better Things.

There was relatively poor attendance at two recent offerings in Washington Hall - the movie of the Vatican, and the two lectures by Dr. Sheed. We don't expect worthwhile features to appeal to the rabble, but we have a right to expect university men to be a step or two ahead of the rabble. Another interesting presentation is scheduled for the end of next week - the new Catholic movie, "Through the Centuries." The distributors of this picture have offered us a preview. The picture will open in New York the week following its presentation here. Show your appreciation.

Charity.

The Bulletin has not said much about alms-giving this fall, and hasn't said nearly enough about the larger virtue of charity. Pep talks on both are needed. A dozen or so handed in names for the Poor Souls Novena; not more than 50 attended the public exercises of the Novena. Your interest in the sick and the deceased relatives of your friends has had a low index figure, if we are to judge by your attendance at Holy Communion. Your zeal for the general welfare, which reached a new high last spring in the campaign for clean movies, has lapsed very seriously.

Alms-giving is one form of charity. Out of deference for the low estate in which so many students find their finances this fall, the barest mention has been given to the needy causes usually promoted by the Bulletin, but since we see so general an exodus on Saturday night we gather the impression that there is some money somewhere here which should be shared with those who need it most. Hence we return to the topic. Here are three of the Bulletin's favorite charities:

1. The Bengal Mission. Offerings of \$5, \$2.20, \$1.30, \$1, \$1, and 50¢ have come in since the last appeal was made. These were individual contributions. Now comes the cotillion committee of the sophomore class, with a group donation of \$160. You will have to enlarge your vision to imagine how welcome such a donation will be in India, where the missionaries are nearly a year behind with their budget allowances, meagre though these are. Keep coming. Small donations from small means are even more significant than larger donations from much larger means. It is the spirit that counts.

2. Father Barron. Our first reference to this Maryknoll Missionary in Korea comes in the way of a grateful acknowledgement of an offering of \$5 from a non-Catholic reader of the Bulletin who has been starting Father Barron's Christmas stocking every year of late. This reader likes the spunk of this Notre Dame priest who left everything behind to cast his lot with the Orient. Let's see you back him up for a good Christmas present.

3. The Poor. A donation of \$3 from an old student, received yesterday, reminded us that there have been few offerings for the poor this year, aside from the unassigned gifts of outside readers who wish to pay postage on the Bulletin (all such offerings go to the poor). The matter is open. It is certainly a worthy cause. Relief administered through the Bulletin this year amounts to about \$120.

Tomorrow For Father O'Donnell.

It was announced yesterday that tomorrow, Wednesday, is Father O'Donnell's birthday. The latest news from the Mayo Clinic is that he is resting well after the tonsillectomy which he underwent Friday, and that a new course of treatment will begin soon. Offer all your good works tomorrow for his recovery; begin with Mass and Holy Communion.

CORRECTION: The father of Frank Maher (not Robert Maher) underwent an operation yesterday.