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Found In The Mail.

"Enclosed are eight dollars for the Bengal Mission. These are the offering of a struggling, wayward alumnus, who at one time could feel at least a little happy because of the respect others had for his virtue; they represent eight separate falls. I think the prayers of others might help me. Thanks!"

The prayers of others will help - not only the prayers of the immediate beneficiaries in Bengal, but the prayers of other boys who have fallen and who know the heartaches that follow sin, and the prayers of boys who pray daily for the preservation of their own virtue. The blessing of God is upon both gift and giver.

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"But recently I happened upon the Bulletin which you send, I believe, to students and friends. I found it a joy and inspiration. If only more colleges and universities could have such a message each day! I read the pages and re-read them, and grew more conscious each minute of the power and strength to be gained if only one would follow each excellent suggestion.

"Now, dear sir, I have been baptized and reared in the Episcopal Church, but do you think that I might be worthy of receiving this Bulletin now and then? I am a sophomore in _____ College. If my name might be placed upon your mailing list so that now and then I might receive a copy I should be humbly grateful."

When a man becomes "worthy" he doesn't need the Bulletin any more. Its informal messages are written by sinners for sinners; for saints the literature of the Church abounds in good things. The Bulletin has many non-Catholic fans, among them some ministers of Protestant denominations, and the University is glad to send it wherever it will have a welcome.

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"I want you to know that for the Church Unity Octave at Notre Dame I sent in petitions for the return to the Sacraments of three persons. By the First Friday all three had returned. For these and other favors recently granted I wish to return thanks to God. You may think it strange, but I am also grateful for afflictions suffered during the past two years of the depression. These afflictions have made me see so clearly what we all need that I want to express my gratitude to God for them."

That is the lesson God wants us to learn from the depression. When we learn it well enough to say, "Thy Will be done," in everything that happens, we are in a better position to expect our prayers to be answered. -- And while we are on the subject we should note the thanksgiving of a student for the conversion of his father, a favor requested during the Church Unity Octave.

The Novena For Marriage.

Coming events cast their shadow before them. It begins next Saturday.

If you don't regard this Novena as necessary, read the chapter on marriage in the Religious Survey of the Alumni, published two years ago. The boys who made the Novena express publicly their gratitude that they did; the boys who followed the "love is blind" policy have some interesting regrets to record. Mark the date - Saturday.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Mrs. Keegan (sister of M. J. Carney, trustee, and mother of Emmett Keegan, ex-'27); Dr. James G. Bonino of Niles, Michigan; John Hurley's mother; a friend, ill - the mother and an uncle of Paul Staub; an aunt of John Mullaly; two relatives and two friends. Four special intentions.