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Something Wrong.

The total number of Holy Communions received at the Mission Mass yesterday morning was 549--the lowest to open any upperclassmen's mission at Notre Dame within the last six years.

Last year (with a decidedly smaller enrollment) 705 received Holy Communion at Mass on Monday morning of the second week. Figure it out for yourself.

What's wrong?

About a third of those who are supposed to be making the mission stayed in bed during Mass Monday morning. And they gripe about too much discipline.

Some "make" the mission simply by listening to sermons for the first two days.

Mission week is the time of the year for serious thought and action. It is the time, above all, to make a good confession and to go to Holy Communion. You ought to know that by this time without two days of meditating.

A handful of incorrigibles will sit like sphinxes throughout the whole week of the Mission. They are the spiritually petrified who remain that way for the entire year.

They are as out of place at Notre Dame as a savage is out of place at a symphony concert.

The sooner they leave Notre Dame the better for themselves and the better for the University and for everybody else connected with it.

After one, two, or three years already spent here they are still too dumb to see through that.

For The Church Shy.

Once upon a time Roman Catholics were supposed to blush because they made the House of God beautiful. Statues, paintings, and all that, were mundane, idolatrous. And so on, and so on.

Now a noted Congregational divine, Charles E. Jefferson of New York City, pastor for more than twenty-five years of the Broadway Tabernacle, is quoted in the Reader's Digest thus:

"In the 16th century the reformers drove out incense, and for the last 400 years we have had no incense in our Protestant churches. It is interesting that for some reason we are willing to use only the ear in our worship. In some of our churches we have beautiful stained glass windows, but it is not until you come into the Roman Catholic Church that you find a feast that is spread for the eye. There you will find not only pictured windows, but paintings and statues and gorgeous robes. And not only is a place given to the eye but also to the touch. The Roman Catholic makes use of the crucifix and the rosary and the holy water, and he makes use of the sense of taste in the Sacrament, and in order to increase his joy in worship he fills the air of the church with incense. The Roman Catholic summons all the five senses to take part in the worship of God. This is one of the explanations of the wonderful grip which the Roman Catholic Church has upon so many millions of human beings."

PRAYERS: Deceased, father of Frank D. McDevitt, ex-'36. Ill, Mrs. Sullivan, grandmother of a student. Three special intentions.