

Charley Hodierne, after second blood transfusion, only fair. Remember him specially.

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Gaps for Tues., April 9:
8:00-8:30; 10:30-11:00;
3:00-4:30.

Almost a New Record.

The first 26 days of Lent have been among the most remarkable in the religious history of the University. For this period the number of Holy Communions received daily has been 1606. That means that each Catholic student on the campus has received oftener than five times a week. Keep up the good work for the last two weeks of Lent, not primarily for the sake of a record, but for the growth and safety of your own souls.

The Greatest is Charity.

The "hero" of the following little story had been somewhat wild in his habits. One evening three weeks ago, he went out "calling", and ended up in a grand carouse. On the morning of the fourth day, he found himself, comparatively sobered up, in the reading-room of one of our leading hotels. Presently a ten-year-old girl came in and looked timidly around the room. She was dressed in rags, but she had a sweet intelligent face that could scarcely fail to excite sympathy. There were five persons in the room, and she went to each, begging. One gentleman gave her a five-cent piece, and then she went to the gentleman spoken of and asked him for a penny, adding: "I haven't had anything to eat for a whole day."

The gentleman was all out of humor and he said crossly: "Don't bother me, go away. I haven't had anything to eat for three days." The child opened her eyes in shy wonder and stared at him a moment, and then walked slowly towards the door. She turned the knob, and then, after hesitating a few seconds, she turned quickly and walked straight up to him who had spoken so ill-naturedly, and gently laying the five cents she had received on his knee said with a tone of true girlish pity in her voice, "If you haven't had anything to eat for three days, you take this and go buy some bread. Perhaps I can get some more somewhere."

The young fellow blushed to the roots of his hair, and lifting the miniature sister of charity in his arms, he kissed her two or three times in delight. Then he took her to the persons in the room and to those in the corridors and the office, and told the story and asked contributions, himself giving all the money he had with him. He succeeded in raising over \$40 and sent the little kind-hearted one on her way rejoicing.

(--Quoted by the Ave Maria of March 29, 1879, from the Pittsburgh Telegraph)

Fraternity of Kindness.

Earth would come close to heaven if all unkindness were eliminated from daily life. A nun, after meditating on this fact, started a Fraternity of Kindness. Here are its rules: 1. Not to think unkindly of others; 2. Not to speak unkindly of others; 3. Not to act unkindly towards others.

These three rules imply, of course, the practice of the opposite virtues: you have to think, speak, and act kindly towards everyone. And there are penalties for infractions: (a) Say a short prayer--"My Jesus, Mercy," or "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine"--for the victim of your unkindness; (b) Perform some act of kindness toward that person the same day you offend him.

Follow the rules and you are a member; that's all there is to it. And you will be happy and make others happy, and one day get that greatest of rewards promised by Our Blessed Lord--"Come, ye blessed of my Father; possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for...whatsoever ye did to the least of my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

PRAYERS: Deceased, brother of Hugh O'Donnell (Brownson); relative of Tom Cassidy (St. Ed's.). Ill, sister of Dick McCutcheon (Dillon); aunt of Bill Whalen (Alumni); mother of George Bolger '33; father of John O'Neil '34; Daniel Leahy. Five sp. ints.