

(Hospital) Tom Mangan
(Morr) and Ed Vasta (Far),
both appendectomies.

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(deceased) Mrs. Helen
Lambrix.

A Cry From the Poor

You will have a chance to help the poor this Christmas in two ways: by giving your old castaway clothing to the Clothes Drive, and by giving generously to a Sunday Mass collection for the Poor, both of which will take place early in December.

Letters are now coming in from worthy causes. He is one that explains clearly how much good your offerings will do. We will send to the nun who made this appeal a share of that special Poor Collection.

Dear Father: Again we are approaching the Holy Season of Christmas and you will I am sure remember us here in the East Indies. You have helped us generously in the past and because of that help we are able to carry on and even extend our work for God among these pagans.

As you know, we have several branches of work depending wholly on charity of our good benefactors for their support. We have a boarding and day school combined but as the people are very poor none of the children pay sufficient fees and the majority pay nothing at all so we have to provide food, clothing and equipment from our own scanty store. The school building is too small for our numbers and as it has an iron roof without any ceiling, is almost impossible to teach in from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on account of the intense heat. The school Sister has to wear her heavy sun-helmet in class nearly all the day.

Our hospital work comes next. Last year we succeeded in building two wards to cope with the numbers. We were able to cure and help many hundreds of patients and had many baptisms, but medicines and other supplies go so quickly it is difficult to get ahead of the demand or even keep out of debt.

Another work of charity--our orphanage for motherless babies. We have little ones almost every tribe. This year we had a lot of sickness among them and in spite of every care many of the little ones died and those who are left need many extras to build them up. Our greatest need at the moment is a brick kitchen as the old mud and grass one has fallen down and the food has to be cooked on a very primitive stove of three stones on which the cooking pot rests. A new kitchen would cost about two thousand pounds so we ask you for love of the Christ Child to help us to build this for his little ones.

Christmas Cards

The real spirit of Christmas centers around what happened at Bethlehem. Christ, the Saviour of the World, is the heart of Christmas. You are missing the point if you send to your friends cards picturing dogs, cats and other non-religious subjects. To wish the blessings of Christ on your friends is the true purpose behind card sending -- remember that when you go shopping for cards.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Jack C. Adams, '26; Roy Schemerhorn, friend of Bob Wasson (Wal). (Ill) Robert Wilson, ex. '40; father of Jim Klockenkemper (Sor); Mrs. Loeffler, friend of Elmer Carvalho. Eleven Special Intentions.