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Happy Easter.

The Easter joy of the Apostles came in large measure from the intensity of their Good Friday sorrow. Our Easter joy will depend upon our Lenten penance and our Holy Week meditation.

What Lent Accomplished.

Lent has the unhappy faculty of showing us up; when we look back over the forty days we find we were not so good.

With an average of 900 Communions a day, not more than 450 managed to go through Lent without a break.

Cigarette sales took a sharp drop and chewing tobacco a rise Ash Wednesday; the total amount of tobacco now purchased is larger than it was then.

Dancing suffered very little in the season of penance. If it's not one thing its another.

Theater going was intensified after the first week; only $45 of the money saved from amusements went to Bengal. If it's not one thing it's another.

Spiritual reading took a decided turn for the better, and resulted in a permanent good -- because the effect of spiritual reading lasts as long as the influence of the mind endures. Bad reading came almost to a stop.

The three fellows in Badin who spent good money for a bad book as soon as it was denounced did exactly what the devil would have them do with all the graces God offers them.

Prohibition agents report less drinking by students than during any previous forty days of the year. One reason was the increased difficulty in getting the stuff. Two near neighbors had their supplies spoiled by the police during the season.

The Grotto was well visited during Lent -- especially so two weeks ago. Wednesday night services required extra chairs at first; but as the boys grew holier and had less need of exhortation, the benches began to yawn before the preachers.

Examine your conscience: how long did you stick?

What Lies Ahead.

Consult the printed program for the hours of Holy Week Services.

Have the good grace to boycott theatres, dances and dinner-parties at least during Holy Week. Don't be like the fellow who ate meat on Good Friday last year and excused himself on the ground that it was at a dinner-party and he didn't want to embarrass the hostess.

On Holy Thursday there will be a 6:30 Mass in the basement chapel, and Holy Communion can be received then and later until the Communion of the High Mass. Holy Communion may not be received thereafter until the Mass on Holy Saturday.

Make the way of the Cross Good Friday afternoon.