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What Shall We Tell the Holy Father?

The Holy Father asked us to raise $2200 for the Near-East Relief Fund. To date we have made 11% of that figure. Shall we tell him that Playland Park is open again and that the Granada has given us an additional duty? Or shall we say that the six dances in these two weeks when we are trying to save for the Senior Ball have us at our rights? $257.03 is what we have raised. Rush the rest of it.

What Shall We Tell Father Walsh?

Father Edmund Walsh, Vice President of Georgetown, formerly head of the Papal Relief Mission to Russia, is President of the Near East Relief Association which is in charge of the collection of funds for the Holy Father. Georgetown hasn't published any figures as yet, but Holy Cross College made known a few weeks ago that its students had raised $8,652 for the foreign missions during the past two years, $6,650 of which came through envelope collections. Shall we tell him that we raised $1000 in ten days for Fr. Finner and then rested on our ears? Shall we tell him that Notre Dame spirit consists largely of lots of noise?

What Shall We Tell Our Mothers?

A Novena for Mother's Day began Saturday. The number of students starting the Novena was 1029. Last year the number was 1037 -- 68 more than this year. Shall we tell our mothers that they can't compete with the speedy social season? Or shall we tell them that the inconvenience of remaining in the state of grace for nine days is a bit too much to expect?

What Shall We Tell Our Lady?

"I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." With these words God gave His first promise of the Redeemer of the human race; they were fulfilled when Mary humbled herself in obedience to the message of the angel, and by her consent to become the Mother of God made possible the Incarnation. The enmity still exists. Satan never had power of Our Lady, but he strikes at her through her children. He is active here, largely through bad books and magazines. Shall we tell Our Lady that we have revoked our dedication to her, and will henceforth serve her mortal enemy? Or shall we admit that we have been silly children and come back on our knees to ask forgiveness?

Prayers.

Harry Krimm, a student last year, lost his Father Friday night. John Harwood's grandmother died yesterday. Another student asks prayers for a deceased friend. -- An unconfirmed report reached the campus Saturday that Dale Kuhns, a non-Catholic graduate of last June, had committed suicide at his home at Albion, Michigan on Thursday of last week. An urgent special intention is recommended.

The Seventh Commandment.

Notre Dame has certainly grown too fast if last Saturday's contempt for the Seventh Commandment is a sample of student morality. It used to be that students who came from homes that knew nothing of property rights were so much in the minority that they could be cowed into submission early in the game. The popularity which the stealing of baseballs met last Saturday afternoon is an indication of an appalling condition of conscience. Steal thievery is bad enough; open acceptance of a bad principle is intolerable,