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Charity Faiileth Not.

Offerings for charity since last Sunday have totalled $284.32. Of this amount there were two offerings of $25 each from geographical clubs, the Villagers and the Pittsburgh Club. Two hundred dollars of the total was apportioned to a particularly urgent case—a former student who is dangerously ill and too poor to secure the medical attention he must have.

Mention should also be made of a donation of $350 from an alumnus, an amount received recently but not previously acknowledged. It was apportioned to various needy cases.

Tomorrow's collection is for the Bengal Mission. Twenty dollars of the amount received this week has been assigned to Bengal, and the rest to the poor of the parish. It goes without saying that the poor assisted locally have no religious test applied to their cases; in fact, it is thought that the majority of them are non-Catholics, and some of them, it is rumored, were members of the Klan when they had ten dollars to surrender in the name of patriotism.

Why Neglect Sunday?

A curious situation was revealed when the adoration cards were returned. Some 1600 signatures were required to assure the adoration, and more than 2000 were returned. They need some shaping around, of course, to make sure that all the periods are taken; the afternoon periods, especially from 2:30 till 4:30, were not popular. But the unusual note was the total absence of volunteers for Sunday afternoon—tomorrow—from 2:30 till 5:30.

Why, it was on Sunday afternoon that this whole devotion started. Some ten or eleven years ago a group of roughnecks in Walsh Hall volunteered to take turns adoring the Blessed Sacrament during the first afternoon of Forty Hours. The other halls then followed suit. The boys liked it so well that they asked to have it oftener, and the First Friday adoration was the next step towards what you have now—daily adoration during Lent and May.

Now that your attention is called to the matter, it is expected that volunteers will sign the cards that are lying at the pamphlet rack, and give us the assurance that this beautiful tradition will not die. We can have the adoration without you, but we don't want that. The different community houses on the grounds make adoration in the church on Sunday afternoon. But the sanctuary is yours, and you don't want to let your privilege die of neglect. (In addition to the hours noted, one adorer is needed for 2:00, one for 6:00, and two for 7:00.)

Lack of space makes it necessary to group these notes of thanks:

1. The promoters and the students who made out the adoration cards are thanked for their prompt help in assuring the adoration.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Ford thank you for your prayers and assurances of sympathy.
3. Virgil Cline thanks you for your prayers for his mother.
4. The ladies' committee for the poor of the parish thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS: James Louis asks your prayers for his brother, who was seriously injured in an airplane crash Thursday. A relative of Wm. and Robert Cassidy died Wednesday. Henry Hinsonkamp, whose schooling was cut short by illness two years ago, asks your prayers for the help of some special treatment he must undergo now; he also requests prayers for a relative. Fr. Brockman, S.J., President of St. Xavier's University, died Thursday.

Patriotism.