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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY PROVES A SUCCESS

Three Performances of
"House of Hunter"
Are Given

CAST SCINTILLATES

Management to be Con-
gratulated

At the premier of a new play, the audience is the barometer, which determines whether the play is going to "get over" or not. If the initial performance of the St. Ignatius high school play is to be judged by that standard, it was an unqualified success. It is one more triumph in the long succession of successful productions staged by the high school, and the "House of Hunter" is the greatest of them all. The staging of this brisk comedy of college and newspaper life was so well done that it would have deserved the plaudits of a premier showing before a gathering of stage critics.

There was not a dull moment throughout the three acts of the play, and the large audiences present at each of the performances showed their approval in no uncertain manner. The dramatic parts of the play were well balanced by real comedy, and at times the players were forced to pause, until the laughter and handclapping had subsided.

The chief character in the play, that of Douglas Hunter, son of the owner of the Herald, was excellently portrayed by "Pug" Harrington, as was the part of the father, well acted by Tom Ryan. The hard task of supplying the comedy was surprisingly well done by several members of the cast. Steve Harrington, in the Ethiopian role, was a revelation, while the butler scored roundly in this character.

Reams might be written about the cast and the production, but it suffices to say that the production showed the result of hard work on the part of the players, and what was extremely evident, the effect of a good director and stage manager. To Mr. Carrigan, S. J., and to Mr. E. J. O'Leary, S. J., the congratulations of the school and its friends are due.

Campion College Wins Press Prize

The *Campion*, quarterly magazine published by students of Campion College, was awarded first prize at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Press Convention, held at Beloit. Last year, also, the magazine was pronounced the best publication of the kind in the state of Wisconsin. Its neat cover design, well chosen cuts, orderly departments, and its high literary standard—all these and other features contributed in bringing *The Campion* to the front.

The press convention was held this year at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis. It was the third annual meet, the association having been formed in the fall of 1919 at the University of Wisconsin. The second annual convention assembled in Milwaukee at Marquette University and Milwaukee-Downer College. During this session Mr. George Dundon of Marquette University was elected to succeed Mr. Murphy of Wisconsin University as president of the organization.

"Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will"

In the name of the faculty of Saint Ignatius College we wish to extend the greetings of this hallowed season to the students and their parents and to the friends and benefactors of the College.

May this heavenly peace which the Angels announced on the hills of Bethlehem and which the Divine Infant gave to the world on the sacred night of His Nativity, fill your hearts and homes and make this a most holy and Merry Christmas for you all.

THOMAS J. SMITH, S.J.
President.

FR. BLACKMORE TO OBSERVE JUBILEE

Fiftieth Anniversary of
Entrance Into Jesuit
Society Dec. 28

On Dec. 28, the Rev. Simon A. Blackmore, S. J., professor emeritus of English Literature at St. Ignatius College, will celebrate the golden jubilee of his entrance into the religious life. His jubilee will be celebrated with a solemn service in St. Mary's church in the morning, while there will be a social gathering in the evening at the college, to which Bishop Schrembs and a number of the city clergymen have been invited.

From St. Ignatius College, Chicago, Father Blackmore entered the Society of Jesus in 1871. After four years' study at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo., he pursued a three-year course of higher studies in philosophy and the sciences at Woodstock College, Maryland. Returning west, he taught the classics for four years at the old St. Louis University. We next find him again at Woodstock College, Md., where for four years he studied divinity and its kindred branches; that institution is the Collegium Maximum maintained exclusively for the higher education of members of the Jesuit Order. Father Mazzalla, later elevated to the Cardinalship by Leo XIII, and Father de Augustinis, later the rector of the Gregorian University at Rome, were then respectively the morning and evening professors of dogmatic theology. The well known Sabetti was professor of moral and Father Piccicillo, a former editor-in-chief of the *Civiltà Cattolica*, was professor of Sacred Scripture. Ordained to the priesthood in 1885 by Cardinal Gibbons, Father Blackmore returned a year later to begin his course of teaching in the various Jesuit colleges of the Middle West, which, with some interruptions, he continued for thirty-three years.

Beginning with the classics, he taught for the next six years at St. (Continued on Page Two)

Junior Sodality Aids Foreign Mission Work

The Junior Sodality, which comprises students of first, second and third years of the high school department, have responded to the call of the foreign missions with much spirit and enthusiasm. A recent count up of collections and mission box offerings shows a total of seventy-four dollars and thirty-eight cents for these three classes alone.

Donations to the foreign missions is a field of charitable endeavor in which a student, and especially an American student, can do an amount of good work that is far out of proportion to the personal sacrifice which it entails. The rate of exchange makes American money the most acceptable coin in the remoter countries, and as a result the purchasing power of it is greater in the places in which there are foreign missions than it is here.

The Junior Sodality has acquitted itself admirably, and it is to be hoped that they will consider this but the beginning of a lively campaign for a most worthy cause.

In Memoriam

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from this earth Mrs. Julia Winter, mother of the Rev. Victor Winter, member of the faculty of St. Ignatius College and Director of the College Orchestra; be it

Resolved that we, Executive Council of the College Union of St. Ignatius College, extend our heartfelt sympathy to Rev. Winter in his time of sorrow; be it further

Resolved that the repose of the deceased be recommended to the student body in their prayers; be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be printed in THE IGNATIAN.

By the Executive Council of the College Union.

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DEFENDS TALENT OF SHAKESPEARE

W. J. Raddatz, Alumnus, Presents Evidence in Baconian Dispute

The theory of Shakespeare as a man of "small Latin and less Greek," as a half educated person with his writings a peculiar manifestation of untrained ability, is taken exception to in a book by William Joseph Raddatz, 1827 Vassar ave., East Cleveland, and a graduate of St. Ignatius College, which has just been published.

The book, with the title of "Shakespeare Wrote Shakespeare," enters the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy with a mass of evidence to prove Bacon was not the author of the world's greatest collection of plays. In gathering his proof, Mr. Raddatz has unearthed a quantity of new material with regard to the Stratford bard's early youth.

Mr. Raddatz is a former president of the Cleveland Advertising Club and a member of the advisory board of the Cleveland School of Art. He has been at work on the present volume for two years and has spent twenty-five years in Shakespearean research.

"Shakespeare had 14,500 hours of education in the Stratford-on-Avon grammar school, as compared with the ordinary college graduate's 12,000," Mr. Raddatz says, basing his contention on information gained at the congressional library in Washington, the New York Public library and the Cleveland Public library, and records of the Jesuit Fathers of England in the possession of Rev. F. L. Odenbach of St. Ignatius College.

Teaches Oxford Men

"Three of the teachers at the Stratford school, to which the boy Shakespeare went, were Oxford men," Mr. Raddatz says. "The school day there began at 6 a. m. and continued until 6 p. m. in the summer and from sunrise to sunset in the winter. Only Sundays were given as holidays. There were generally about twenty in Shakespeare's class.

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IGNATIUS WILL OPEN SEASON THIS FRIDAY

John Marshall School of
Law Five Will be
Opponents

ST. LOUIS U. DEC. 31

Nine Games Definitely
Carded

The stage is set for the opening cage battle of the Ignatius season next Friday night, Dec. 23, when the John Marshall Law School five is carded to furnish the opposition for Coach Erdman's varsity five in the Ignatius gym.

The Ignatians open their season annually with the Lawyers, and in former years have found them easy picking. However, this season Coach Erdman is inclined to take them more seriously, and it is not without strong reasons. The strong reasons are three, and in this case they happen to be persons: Schreiber, Kustien and Wyman, members of the Marshall quintet. All three have reputations as crack players in local amateur and scholastic circles, and if they live up to them the Saints have a man sized task at hand.

The second game scheduled for New Year's eve with the St. Louis university five as the invaders. St. Louis has appeared here before and always has a strong team, so this gives promise of an interesting soiree. This game will start at 8:15 p. m., so that it will be over early and will not conflict with other engagements for that evening.

Manager Charley Patterson has nine more games definitely carded and two more tentatively arranged. Three of the teams listed are newcomers on the Saints' schedule. Wilmington College, Hillsdale from Michigan and Muskingum have never appeared here before. Muskingum is the only Ohio Conference five on the list now, but it is probable that a settlement will be made with St. Xaviers for a game here.

St. John's U. of Toledo, Detroit U. and Capitol U. of Columbus also occupy places. Home and home game will be played with these three teams. This is also the arrangement with Muskingum. Patterson is also trying to card Niagara U. for a game here Jan. 6.

Condition of Turk Is Much Improved

The condition of Carl Turk, captain of the varsity basketball team, who was in a critical condition last week with pneumonia is much improved. The crisis was passed a week ago Monday and since then he has been improving rapidly.

It is not probable that Turk will be able to return to his team until late in the season. His loss will be a severe blow to the Saints and it will be a hard job for Coach Erdman to fill his berth at guard.

An acting captain has not yet been appointed for the games that will be played during Turk's absence.

"The best thing we can do is nothing."—Jordan and Mahoney.

STRONG TEAM WILL REPRESENT IGNATIUS

Tentative Lineup: Zucker, Zivoder, Kapl, Smith, Burens or Stringer

St. Ignatius will be represented on the basketball court this season by one of the strongest fives in the history of the school. And peculiar as it may seem, freshmen will probably make four of the five regular positions.

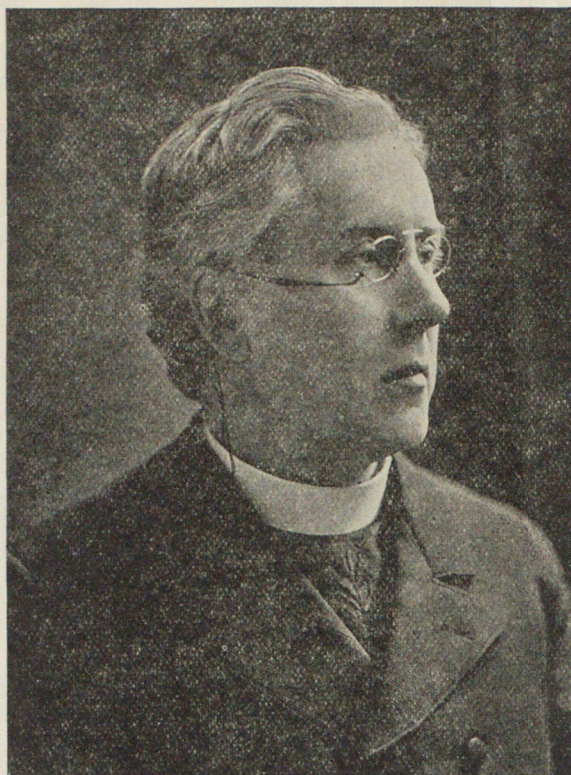
When Coach Erdman issued the call for court candidates three weeks ago thirty prospects responded. Amongst these there were six letter men from last year, and in the line of newcomers there were four who had won the distinction of receiving places on the mythical all scholastic Cleveland team last year. Three of these will probably win regular places on Erdman's first five, and the fourth will most probably be a first string sub.

Turk, Jordan, Code, Zucker, Smith and Brady are the six veterans in the running. Turk, who is captain of the team, has been seriously ill with pneumonia, and it is his absence at guard that is giving a fourth freshman, Stringer, a chance. Smith is about the best bet for the other guard. The other four are forwards, and Al Zucker is the only one of these reasonably sure of a regular job. The other three will be on the first squad of ten.

Foremost among Coach Erdman's bevy of former scholastic luminaries is Al Kapl from Lincoln high. Kapl has the center job spiked and Coach Erdman is exceptionally well fortified in this department, as he has String Donohue from the crack Ignatius high team of last year as an understudy for Kapl. Frankie Zivoder, the next of the quartette, seemed to be Zucker's most likely running mate at forward, although he is hard pressed by Johnny Danovsky, another all scholastic player from Ignatius high.

The tentative lineup for the opening game with the John Marshall five is as follows: Zucker and Zivoder, forwards; Kapl, center; Smith and Burens or Stringer, guards.

Rev. Simon A. Blackmore Will Celebrate Golden Jubilee



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Xavier's College, Cincinnati, and at Marquette and St. Louis Universities. Appointed to the chair of philosophy, he taught that science for the next four years at Marquette and Loyola Universities. For the three years following he was in succession the Sunday evening lecturer in the Jesuit churches in Cincinnati, Milwaukee and Chicago. We next find Father Blackmore teaching literature and oratory for four years at Creighton University, and after two years of mission work teaching philosophy and literature for nine years at Campion College, when he was appointed in 1917 to conduct the course in English literature at St. Ignatius College, Cleveland. During all these years of professorship he responded to many outside calls for sermons and lectures.

In 1899, while professor of literature and oratory at Creighton University,

Father Blackmore began his lectures on Shakespeare. His treatment of the poet's religion was novel and aroused much interest and curiosity. It was widely commented upon by the public press in the East, as well as in Canada, and greatly enlarged the number of his correspondents. As a consequence, he was invited to give his lectures on the Catholicity of Shakespeare in St. Louis, Omaha, Milwaukee, Chicago and other cities of the West.

The subject had slumbered for half a century and was therefore new and startling to the present generation. It was soon taken up by several authors, who contributed articles upon it to magazines and weeklies. But they were unsatisfactory, says Father Blackmore, for they ended where they began, satisfied with equal probability on either side of the question. He takes a more advanced position, and, as several learned critics have affirmed, proving conclusively that Shakespeare was a Catholic.

HAESSLEY SPEAKS ON WATER POWER

Gives Interesting Lecture to Scientists on Dec. 19

The lecture at the meeting Dec. 19 of the Scientific Academy was delivered by Thomas A. Haessley. The subject of the lecture was, "Water Power and Its Possibilities." He dealt with the progress which water power has made in the past and devoted some time to outlining its wonderful future.

"The chief consideration," he said, "is not merely that we need water power to conserve our supply of natural resources, but its wonderful economy as fuel. The natural resources of the country, though they are slowly but surely being developed, are as yet practically untouched. Through the development of water power the re-

McDERMOTT WILL COACH HI QUINTET

Outlook is Bright for This Year's Team; Sked Arranged

The student body and the faculty of the high school consider themselves fortunate in having secured the services of Bill McDermott, former star of the Heidelberg five and coach of the crack Loyola high cage outfit last year, to tutor the Hi basketball team this season.

Of last year's cagers McDermott has but Gallagher and McDonnell around whom he has built a cage five that promises to attract considerable attention in local basketball circles. O'Brien, one of last year's squad, will be out of the lineup until January due to a broken jaw. Coach McDermott however is confident that in Jerry McDermott erstwhile star of Mr. Polski's "Blues," he has a capable successor for O'Brien. McDermott and Jimmy Walsh, brother of the famed "Bud," will start at the forward positions with Nieberding at center and Gallagher and McDonnell at guards.

Manager Joe Friedl has arranged a fairly hard schedule that will open Friday with West High at the Saint's gym.

Other games are:
Dec. 21—West Commerce
Dec. 28—Open
Jan. 6—Rocky River
Jan. 13—St. Vincent (Akron)
Jan. 20—Ashtabula
Jan. 28—Loyola
Feb. 3—University
Feb. 10—Cathedral Latin
Feb. 17—Open
Feb. 22—Bellevue
Feb. ?—West Tech

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Magazine Page



Christmastide

H. J. Hoffer, '24

On Juda's hills sweet peace prevails!
In all our hearts the love
Which vivifies when nothing ails
Our union with him above.

'Tis now our souls we reconcile,
For dark and wayward past,
With one whose twinkling stars the
while
Bespoke His love so fast.

In life's great whirl and constant
strife
We turned away from Him
To whom we owe our very life,—
Because our love grew dim;

But now the thought of the Babe that
came
To Bethlehem of old,
Does once more fan to glowing flame
That spark nigh growing cold.

ODDS AND ENDS

As ever, our first thought is of you, dear reader. So don't imagine we're getting sarcastic when we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Of course, we don't want to sour any of your holiday exuberance, but after you come back in 1922 the Midyears will be awaiting your coming.

But cheer up. You're not the first one to flunk—neither will you be the last. Just reason along these lines: Every good college has a certain percentage of its student body who make it an annual or semi-annual rite to flunk. The college, in order to be good, has to have this percentage. You are merely displaying a little college spirit by flunking. Q. E. D.

We had intended to publish a dramatic review in this issue—you know what we mean—a conscientious criticism of all the shows in town. Sad to relate, our critic fell asleep during the first performance he attended. At least that one must have been a good show.

Assuming the role of a sort of paternal advisor, we hasten to warn you against doing anything rash or untoward during the Xmas vacation, e. g., smoke some of your dad's gift cigars, devour your sister's candy, try and set the house afire when your mother asks you to light the candles on the evergreen tree (of course, if you use electric bulbs in lieu of candles you are exempt from the last-mentioned rash act). There are a great many other things we might here put down for you to beware of. But you know what we mean, and anyway space in this paper is valuable, although appearances might lead you to think that it isn't. Oh, well, appearances are deceiving.

The basket-ball season has started—this bit of news by direct cable from Washington.

Have you availed yourself of our magnificent Christmas offer in regard to THE IGNATIAN. Consider, amigo, for seventy-five cents you can satisfy all your friends—you don't have to buy her a box of candy, a diamond pendant or a limousine. Just figure out how much you'll save. But then we always have been solicitous of your welfare. You know that bunk that goes "a rugged exterior often clothes a kind and noble heart." That's us.

AN OMISSION

Among those who were present at the meeting of the St. Ignatius College Association when \$6,000 was promised the college Athletic Association for next year's football season was Camillus J. Mireau. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list of those present.

The Song of Angels

Edward Crawley, '25

It was Christmas Eve; snow flurries, the large soft kind, were placidly dropping to the ground and uniting there into an immense, pure white blanket. Here and there a lone pedestrian could be seen scurrying on, anxious as it were to perform the task that kept him out, and then to return home and await the coming of the Child's birthday. Downtown, the city had erected a huge Christmas tree and lighted up now, with its varicolored lights gleaming through the snow, it was certainly an inviting sight.

Crouched on one of the park benches, scattered throughout the Square was a forlorn-looking, newspaper covered wretch whose shivers kept shaking the ever accumulating snow from his journalistic robe. He kept muttering to himself, over and over again, the words: "Christmas, happy time! Yeh, but not for a bum."

As he lay there waiting, not for the coming of Christmas, but only the passing of one day and the coming of another, the strains of a song floated through the air to his frostbitten ears. Astonished, he propped himself on an elbow and looked in the direction where he thought the singers might be. Grouped about the Christmas tree as worshipers around a shrine, a chorus of school children were singing a carol. With an oath and a wish that the carolers would move away and let him rest in peace, the shivering cynic dropped back into his slovenly pose. But they would not go; and the song kept on, and he had to listen to them. The song was sweet, and despite his objections it lulled his distorted nerves to quiet peace. It numbed his pain and stopped his chills, for it closed his eyes in sleep.

A song it was that reopened his eyes but his surroundings were very different. Stretched out on a white cot, with a white-clad man and a blue-clad woman beside him, the tramp came back to life and opened his eyes to the strains of the "Adeste Fideles" wafted through the transom from the hospital chapel three rooms away and across the corridor.

When he opened his eyes, the white-clad man and the blue-clad woman, who were doctor and nurse, leaned over his bed and attempted to talk to him. But it was in vain, for it seemed he could neither hear nor talk. As suddenly as his eyes had opened, they closed again, but not until the song had finished.

After this sign of life, the nurse called the priest. She had noticed a badge of the Sacred Heart tattooed on his left arm and figured that he must be a Catholic. The priest entered the room, knelt by the bedside of the unconscious man, said a few prayers and then rising from his knees, prepared to give him a short examination before administering the last Sacrament. As he touched the tramp's forehead, his eyes opened and a look of perplexity clouded them. The priest asked him if he desired to make his peace with God before he died, for it was the doctor's verdict that his hours of life were limited. The tramp apparently tried to talk but could not; so the priest feeling sure that the man was favorably disposed, prepared to administer Extreme Unction. With a super-human effort, the dying man succeeded in opening his mouth and received the Holy Eucharist. And then again his eyes closed and he relapsed into apparent unconsciousness. After about fifteen minutes, he again opened his eyes. A faint smile crossed his face as he looked at the priest, and in a voice that seemed to be one of another world, so sweet and clear was it, he said: "Happy, happy I am. The

Santa Claus

John Weber, '24

"Is there a Santa Claus," a child asked me today,
"Who maketh Yuletide be so holy and so bland,
That tenderness and friendship's love doth sway the land
Like Bethlehem enrapt when legions angels pray;
That sorrow, hate and cringing fears disdain to longer stay;
When lord and vassal, prince and pauper, hand in hand
Receive ecstatic grace at Heaven's sweet command?
Oh! Say there is a Santa Claus,"—
I turned away;
Then saw how bright-eyed mothers labored to prepare
Plumb-pudding, toys and glistening tree; how others vied
In deeds that cheered like tinkling bells in joyous cause;
The orphan's glee, the poor made glad, the father's care
How best to please his family: All this I spied.
"In truth," quoth I "Thank God! There is a Santa Claus."

Humor

Did you ever notice how many Hi fellows live in Lakewood? That is, every morning.

Ambrose's will is not so much these days since he dropped his stiff upper lip.

The way to disarm is to disarm. Too much talk clouds the issue.—Daniels.

Our Saints have lost a few, but, O boy! can't they fight?

Employer to youth applying for job: "What is your name, my young man?" Youth: "Ray Vaughan."

coming of the Christ Child is surely a happy time."

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Christmas

Two thousand years ago, messengers from Heaven brought tidings of joy to the shepherds of Bethlehem. Our Savior's birth was destined to rejuvenate the human race. Before Him, there was darkness; He brought light.

This sacred drama is re-enacted year after year. Man in his race through the course of a year has wearied body, mind and soul; now a light sheds its mellow rays upon him to soothe his throbbing pulse, to ease his weary mind, to gladden his heart and inspire his soul. It is the light issuing from the manger of Bethlehem, and radiating peace throughout the world.

Peace! All men desire it, all men clamor for it. Christ, through His messengers, promised it to the world: "Peace on earth to men of good will." Alas! too many ignore the condition of the Savior's peace. Too many strive to frustrate His mission. Too many forget that of them He requires genuine good will. He could not ask less as the price of His peace: Good will, the honest effort to do one's duty to God, to self, and one's fellow man. —J. J. O. '24.

How About It?

Christmas time entails the thoughts of gifts. Only too often has this custom been abused with the result that with some it becomes a merely mercenary rite along the line of "if you give me, I give you; if you don't, I don't." Perhaps this thought is unexpressed but nevertheless it is there and detracts a hundred-fold from the sentimental value of the gift. It is an old saying that it is not the gift that counts but the spirit in which it is given.

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The Basketball Season

The St. Ignatius College basketball quintet will open its season during the Christmas holidays with two games—one with the John Marshall School of Law and the other with St. Louis University. Support at some of the football games played during the past season was to say the most, very poor and unworthy of the college and its ideals. Of course there are some extenuating circumstances but since basketball has as its habitat the inside of a gymnasium, even these alibis will now fail to carry sufficient force. Football and basketball are the two major sports at Ignatius. The season for the former is a matter of history while the latter stands before us. The team is good and prospects for a banner year confront it. Can the student body come through with the moral support, turn out en masse at the games, do some intelligent and unified cheering and otherwise give evidence of their college spirit? —C. J. K.

The K. of C. After the War

The suffering of a nation in the throes of war are very great and trying. Yet the aftermath is no less terrible in the intensity of the suffering which it entails. While the battle is on, the thrill of victory or the spur which defeat gives to a spirited people, too often induces an attitude of inconsideration, if not in-

difference, for those who have paid the price of victory or the penalty of defeat. While people have their eyes fixed on the flag triumphant, they do not pause to consider the cost of victory. It is only when war has ceased and the reality of a startling situation, with millions of returned soldiers to be refitted into the industrial machine breaks on them that they pause to reflect or to plan.

It follows that as the greatest hardship of war follows after it that the organization which most successfully combats the situation does the greatest service to the nation. The Knights of Columbus, when, after the war, government relief measures were, and also, still are pending, turned over its entire facilities to the task of reconstruction. Their schools for returned soldiers offer aid to the American soldier in the American way. To be an object of charity is something that is repugnant to his independent spirit. All that he asks is an even chance to help himself and the K. of C. offers that chance to him in their night schools by teaching him the science of business or the trades.

To further the interests of a just cause as the Knights did in their war work is an achievement worthy the noblest of men. But "to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him that shall have borne the battle" is to exercise the Divine prerogative of mercy to a degree that shown the eminent fitness of the Knights of Columbus to their title as knights of Christ's Church.

An organization truly great in war, the Knights of Columbus are showing themselves even greater in peace. May they carry on their work to a glorious conclusion and show again to all the world that the two fold duty of man to God and country is nowhere and by no one better fulfilled than by this typically American, Catholic organization. —L. C. '24.

Daily Communions

Notre Dame University has a striking record in the matter of the number of its daily communicants. We think its percentage ranks highest in the country. Daily communion carries along with it some hardships but there is nothing that pays so well in the end.

Too many students overlook the value of this help in their studies and in their daily existence. They have all the opportunities to receive their Lord in the course of their college and high school careers and it stands to reason that if the habit is not cultivated during that period of time, there is small chance of it being cultivated when they have left their school and its kindly influence behind them and are engaged in the task of wresting a livelihood from the world. —C. J. K.

PASTE AND SHEARS

Gift Exchange

The persons who do not fall under the spell and charm of Christmas are few, and whatever the event might mean to various individuals, bearing on the philosophy of life its immediate significance to young and old is that it is a time for exchanging gifts. This practice, abstraction made from the circumstance of time, is a custom as old as the human race and judged by its persistency might be said to be an outgrowth of human nature.

Although a gift is a "datio irredibilis"—"a giving that is not returnable," it has gradually assumed a character, foreign to its origin, and contradictory to its meaning. Most persons give that they might receive.

The exchanging of gifts at this season of the year is of Christian origin. We give because we love; love is but a mutual giving. Since it is impossible to give oneself physically, just as we are, to a person whom we love, we give something of ourselves, representing ourselves, expressive of ourselves, something that would fit in, as it were, to the ideals of the person to whom given. Moreover, that person must receive it as acceptable to him.

On the first Christmas Day, God, the Lover of man, gave something of Himself, His own Word, to fit into our nature, and to be acceptable to us. To recall this event Christmas gifts are bestowed.—Duquesne Monthly.

BOOSTERS BEGIN
DRIVE FOR YELLS

The Boosters Club, headed by its committee chairman Al. Acker, has begun a drive to obtain new college yells. Though the Boosters were not organized until the football season was well under way, it accomplished much, in the manner in which the members of the Club turned out at the games in support of the team.

The chairman, Mr. Acker, believes that the time to prepare for the basketball season is the present, and he asks the student body of the college to cooperate with the committee in this drive. It is the aim and purpose of the committee to obtain as great a variety of cheers as possible. These cheers will be divided into various groups, football, basketball and baseball. Some, it is expected will be suitable for all three sports.

TALENT OF SHAKESPEARE DEFENDED BY ALUMNUS

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"The three teachers were the highest paid in any English grammar school, with the exception of seven. The course included Latin, Greek and some Hebrew. The handwriting of Shakespeare is known to be better than that of the average college youth.

"All this proves the bard was fully equipped so far as education went to write his immortal plays, and was not, as has been claimed, an unlettered phenomenon."

Proofs that Shakespeare of Stratford and Shakespeare the actor was the same man also are given, with a mass of other information to disprove the Baconian supposition.

Mr. Raddatz is the author of two other Shakespearian books, "Bacon and Shakespeare Paralleled" and "Golden Texts From Shakespeare."

NEWSY NOTES

Fr. Victor Winter, S. J., Director of the St. Ignatius College Symphony Orchestra, has received the sad announcement of his mother's death. She died Sunday evening, Dec. 18, in St. Gall, Switzerland. We wish to assure Fr. Winter of the sympathy and prayers of the student body of St. Ignatius.

The Rev. Mark J. McNeal, S. J., of Japan, was a recent visitor at St. Ignatius College. Fr. McNeal has been appointed to the chair of English Literature, once occupied by Lafcadio Hearn, at the Imperial University of Tokio.


Another visitor at St. Ignatius was the Rev. Joseph Conroy, S. J., of Chicago. Fr. Conroy at present is conducting a retreat for the seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary, Cleveland.

The students who constitute the entertainment section of the Senior Sodality are making arrangements for an entertainment to be given at Warrensville some time during the Christmas holidays. They are also planning to distribute some Christmas cheer in the form of gifts to the men and women at the Old Folks' Home.

The entertainment section has been very faithful to the duties imposed on them by their office, and their excursion to Warrensville will add more credit to an organization that is already a credit to itself and to the college.

Fr. James Kleist, S. J., professor of Greek at St. Ignatius College, will attend the annual meeting of the American Philological Association, to be held at Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 28-30. Fr. Kleist is a member of this association.

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