

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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First Friday.

Tomorrow is the First Friday of the month of July. The Month is the Month of the Precious Blood. Reparation for sin is doubly stressed on this day. Let it be the dominating motive in your Holy Communion and your adoration tomorrow.

What Does It All Amount To?

Yesterday your prayers were asked for the repose of the soul of Bertram Hancock, who was killed in the Santa Barbara earthquake. The poor boy was the only son of the fond parents who tried to give him everything his heart could desire. It is only a decade or so since they came into a vast wealth -- through the discovery of oil on their property. Last year Mr. Hancock paid the largest income tax in Los Angeles. The boy had just turned twenty-one.

Four years ago he had a tragic warning. Another boy from Notre Dame, Dick Molony, who had just finished his medical course at the University of California, was struck down in an automobile accident directly in front of the Hancock residence in Los Angeles. Dick lived long enough for a priest to be summoned. You have heard the story of his preparation. The priest asked if he wanted to go to confession. "No," he replied, "I went to confession a week ago, and to Holy Communion this morning. I want to receive Holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction." He died a few minutes later.

Both of these boys were just ready for the world. And when they were ready, God took them. "You know not the day nor the hour."

The Senior Ideal.

You have been regaled during the past three days with the stories of how the freshmen, sophomores and juniors fail to live up to their ideal of the Notre Dame man. Let the seniors speak today. They tell the story of success or failure, of used or wasted opportunity.

"Isn't he at heart a Big Boy who aspires to be a practical Catholic? If so, I have lived up to my ideal."

"The last two years I have failed as a Notre Dame man."

"I am not solid enough."

"I slip up on purity, but believe I have overcome this for all time."

"I lack his genuine and sincere devotion, and I find my studies and religion in conflict."

"I have not yet attained the religious spirit I would like to have."

"I didn't know there is one. Is he a football player, or a boy scout? Anyway, I need more stability."

"I don't know. I copy a real one."

"I never thought of it before. Come to think of it I wish I had taken more use of my opportunities during the past four years."

"I am not much of a leader."

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