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Have You Thanked Our Blessed Mother?

If the wind had shifted -- if the roof had not held -- if the fire had come two hours later -- if a thousand and one things had not happened just as they did, Notre Dame might be a heap of ruins, and some student might have lost his life. Many catastrophies were averted Tuesday night, and it is not the way of this school to be ungrateful. Prayers of thanksgiving for protection by the Blessed Virgin were said in the basement chapel Wednesday morning; the candles in the Grotto bear witness to the gratitude of the Community that things were no worse, that the many possible things did not happen.

What of the Army Game?

In the eyes of the team, far more important than the noon rally to send them off to conquer the Army is the assurance that your prayers follow them. As usual, a recreation day sapped the vitality of your resolutions. Friday and Saturday belong to the team. Mass for the team was said this morning, by request of a follower who never went to school here; another Mass will be said tomorrow, and another on Saturday. The players will receive Holy Communion at St. Agnes Church in New York on Friday morning, and at another church near their hotel on Saturday morning. When the wire of assurance is sent to the boys on Saturday morning, how many Communions will it report?

St. Joan of Arc.

The strength of mind and arm that gave victory to the Maid of Orleans came from complete trust in God. St. Joan of Arc, patroness of armies, is our patroness in Saturday's game. We know that the team is worthy of victory. Are we?

Why Are They Called Sophomores?

The word comes from two Greek words, meaning "a wise fool." It was bestowed in history because it was found that while sophomores had heads they did not use them. Is it a jinx? It need not be. When a man has a head and uses it, when he acts from principle, he is a wise man. When he has a head and does not use it, when he acts merely from impulse, he is a wise fool. The class of 1928 has a chance to prove itself.

The Class Not Heard From.

The reference is not to the Junior Class, from which little has been heard this year, but to the unobtrusive and large class of students who have not been represented in the Palais Royale correspondence, the fellows whose home training keeps them away from the Palais and all places that are subject to controversy, and keeps them likewise from saying anything about it. These fellows are seldom heard from during their four years at Notre Dame (and they generally stay the full four years), because they have come here to learn rather than to teach, but they are heard from after they leave school, and they are accustomed to shed considerable lustre on the name of Alma Mater in their respective communities. The reference is not to the nickel-nurser who is afraid to spend the money, not to the rabbit who is afraid of getting caught at something, not to the rare holier-than-thou hypocrite who sneaks into Notre Dame, but to the honest-to-goodness, robust Notre Dame citizen whose self-respect makes him perfectly decent.

Prayers: Gerald Lopez of Walsh Hall, is very sick in the hospital. Sylvester Dougherty, of Freshman Hall, called home. His father met with an accident yesterday.

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