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Pray to St. Joan of Arc Today.

St. Joan of Arc, the virgin leader of the armies of France, who saved France from English domination in time to keep it out of the Reformation, -- St. Joan of Arc, the simple peasant girl who confounded strong men, -- St. Joan of Arc, patroness of armies, is our patroness for the game today. Pray to her for the protection of the men in what is sure to be a bruising battle. And in your Holy Communion tomorrow thank her for her protection.

Collection for Fr. Brooks.

The collection on the third Sunday of each month is for the Foreign Missions. Tomorrow's collection will be turned over to the Fr. Brooks-Van Wallace Fund. Your proportionate contribution is suggested in the following letter signed "AB Fresh."

"Dear Father: Enclosed find one dollar for Father Brooks. Whenever I receive any gift of money, I now give one-tenth of it to God. I find it'd a great way to do. A fellow who plays that system wont ever get into serious financial difficulties."

A Letter From Father Brooks.

"Jomidar Bitha, Sept. 10, 1925.

"Dear Father: Many thanks for your note of July 27 and your promise of financial help. Money may be the root of all evil, but it certainly does good work for us. Without it our hands are tied. I only wish there were some way to make our Christians in the United States realize the opportunity here at present for making converts. It seems evident to me and to others that we could get the 50,000 Garos in this district if we had the means to push ahead.

"The pamphlet on Perseverance has not reached me as yet. No doubt it will do a lot of good to an old hardened sinner like myself. -- When there is a direct air line established between Indian and Notre Dame I will pay you a visit. In the meantime say a prayer for me in your spare moments."

Such is the modesty of the young Notre Dame missionary who will baptize more than 200 converts this year.

And One About Van Wallace.

"To the Editor: A few days ago we went to Detroit to visit Van Wallace. When we were leaving he asked us to say 'Hello' to everybody for him; and that is the purpose of this letter.

"Van has improved tremendously in the last six months. During that time he has gained and developed the use of both arms. His weight and vitality have improved greatly. His legs are more active, though as yet he cannot move them voluntarily. Lately he has felt the muscles move in his hands. By means of clips attached to pages he is able to turn them with his knuckles, and now he reads many hours every day.

"Lack of improvement was noticed only in spirit; there was no room for it. Since the accident he has endured with the pluck of a Spartan, and with a great deal more humor. During the sixteen months he has lain paralyzed, he has cheerfully made plans for the day when he will get up. Courage like that merits some help from his fellow students who still have physical strength to kneel. -- S.D.S."

PRAYERS are requested for three special intentions, for four sick people, and for three deceased relatives or friends of students.

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