

The Ball and Chain He Wears.

Jim Powers is suffering for us -- for our sins. He is not one of Nature's noblemen; he is one of God's noblemen. It is only love of God that can inspire such heroic sacrifice. Just as long as we sin and keep away from the grace of repentance which God offers, just so long has Jimmie agreed to suffer for us, to make reparation for our sins and to gain for us the grace of the Sacraments. That is the ball and chain he wears.

Jazz and Liquor Still Go On.

Dull minds and hard hearts are forging tighter the chain with which Jimmie has bound himself. He is praying for those who do not pray for him, he is praying for those who are preparing to commit mortal in connection with Homecoming, he is praying for those who are too weak or too cowardly to give up sin or go to confession. And so long as this lack of charity goes on, he will continue to offer up his suffering.

Let Him Know What You Are Doing.

Spiritual bouquets from the Football Team, from the Monogram Club, from three Religion Classes and from the Boy Guidance Department have been sent in to Jimmie, and they have helped wonderfully to cheer him. You know what the rooting section means to a team. The spiritual bouquet has the same effect on the sick man.

The Monogram Club is offering 115 Communions, 29 Masses heard, 65 Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, 61 Visits to the Grotto, 58 Rosaries, 4 Stations of the Cross, 2 Holy Hours, and 85 other prayers. The Boy Guidance bouquet consists of 145 Communions, 121 Masses heard, 73 Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, 88 Rosaries, and 85 other prayers.

And Don't Forget Van.

An offering of three dollars came today from Long Island for Father Brooks and Van Wallace. Next Sunday's collection is for the same intention. The latest report from Van stated that his flu had brought in a new doctor who had promised to do something for his paralysis -- another of those answers to prayer.

When the first novena for Van ended, death was expected at any moment. His fever was 105, and black spots had appeared all over his body. We were asked to pray for a happy death, as it was feared that he would live to see his body decompose. That day he fell asleep and slept for eight hours -- the first natural sleep he had had. When he awoke his temperature was below normal, and within a week he was able to dictate a letter of thanks for the prayers offered. Since that time he has shown gradual improvement. His further improvement depends upon prayer.

Other Intentions.

Four students wish to acknowledge favors granted quickly after prayers to the Little Flower. Another student asks prayers for a special intention. Father Walsh's mother continues in very critical condition, and claims a very special place in your prayers.

God's Mission.

There have been more Holy Communions during the past seven days than during the Missions of our upperclassmen. And still it has not reached those who would rather lie in bed in the morning than get up like a man and pray God to spare a man with a broken neck.