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Life and Limb.

Notre Dame students love football: no one can dispute that. Notre Dame students love football victories: the gloom that settles over the gymnasium when the grid-graph show the rare defeat is a barometer of spirits. Notre Dame students have been trained to expect their fellow-students to risk life and limb in order to throw everything they'vegot into the game.

Last year cost us a precious life; in Saturday's game two players sustained serious injuries. Such instances are rare enough for the kind of football Notre Dame has been famous for; and in the past prayer and Hely Communion have always been given credit for the absence of injuries to our men. In previous years, the response to the appeal for Communions for the team has been met by an increase of from 10% to 20% in the number of Communions. Last Saturday, after the appeal had been made for two days on the Bulletin, and in hall chapels on the night before, the increase in the number of Communions was 3%. There was room for a whole rooting section in the church at 12:30.

You would not like to feel that your failure to respond was responsible for these injuries. But you are perfectly aware of the power of prayer, if you are a good Cathclic and a Notre Dame man; and if you let a love of sleep, or a desire to violate the diocesan commandment on public dancing, or an attachment to an occasion of sin, or a spirit of indifference to religion, interfere with your loyalty to your team, you need a thorough examination of conscience.

These men risk life and limb for your entertainment: the least you can do to show your appreciation is to answer their appeal for prayers. Here's a chance. Fill in below your spiritual offering for Joe Boland and Freddie Collins, that their anjuries may mend without complications, and for the team, that the rest of the season may be without mishap:

Masses heard

Visits

Holy Communions

Essaries

Benedictions

Mine successive prayers, Communions, or acts of devotion constitute a Novena. Fill in with 9's, and shower the team with a real demonstration of loyalty.

Taste.

Soveral magazines have been removed from the News Stand because of their objectionable character, and while it is difficult in the present deprayed state of mind of the American reading public (and state of morals of publishers, who pander to and have helped to degrade public taste) -- while it is difficult under these circumstances to find reading matter that is entirely above exception, the managers of the News Stand will appreciate any cooperation you can give them in the selection of sound magazines.

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