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A Letter of Thanks.

"Dear Father: Please grant me a bit of space in the Bulletin to express to the faculty and to the students of the University my most profound gratitude and sincere thanks for the great kindness and generosity extended to me. --- John Egan."

Dear John: While we are awfully sorry you broke your leg and lost a semester's schooling by it in addition to the pain and discomfort you suffered, we are glad to have had this opportunity to exercise the virtue of charity and show a little Notre Dame spirit. We wouldn't pray for a fellow whose life was in danger when that fellow showed the grit you showed! Not all of us have that pluck, but we're strong for the fellow who has it.

George Gipp's Anniversary.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death of George Gipp, rated by many critics as the best football player ever turned out at Notre Dame. Look at the graph in the basement chapel and see what is expected of you. Fielding H. Yost seems to be under the impression that George is forgotten at Notre Dame. Although George's parents asked the University not to erect a monument to his memory, the Communion graph shows that there is a monument to him in the hearts of Notre Dame men. Let tomorrow show this again.

"The Fool of God."

The Players ask your prayers for the success of their venture Friday night when they essay the production of "The Fool of God," the Franciscan play of Prof. Phillips.

117 Happy Mothers.

At the present writing Brownson Hall leads the campus in demand for the Spiritual Bouquet cards for Christmas; 117 students there have decided to make their mothers happy in this way. There is still time for a Novena for Christmas as you can continue your Communions after you reach home. A Novena begun tomorrow will end a week from Wednesday.

Where's The Hitch?

The first answer received, signed "Twenty-seven", places the blame thus: 1. On the Bulletin, which has lost its understanding of the student mind; 2. On the school, which is in its decadence; 3. On morning prayer regulations; 4. On the stifling of student initiative.

To which it may be answered: 1. That letters like this were much commoner four years ago than now; 2. That the poor Bulletin has always been panned as a blundering mess, and much more harshly in the past than now; 3. That the firmest believers in the decadence of the school are always the first back in September; 4. That by far the largest number of hold-outs live in the city, free from morning prayer regulations; 5. That the vast field of sane and honest initiative offered to students is little regarded.

Try again. And keep in mind that the vast majority of the hold-outs are not chronic sickers, they are not scoundrels; they are honest fellows laboring under one of these difficulties: 1. Fear of confession because they have been a long time away; 2. Scruples; 3. Spiritual inertia; 4. The bogus notion that the purpose of amendment means a divine revelation that they will not sin again. -- and if you want to use your initiative, accept the invitation extended on the Bulletin of October 2 to bring in the slackers and leave the Bulletin free for positive Christianity this year.