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File Still Missing.

The office files of the Religious Bulletin for 1926-27 are still missing. They consist of two bound volumes. Evidently they were borrowed towards the end of the year or during the summer. If you see anything that looks like them, please investigate.

Help the Team With Prayer.

Give a remembrance to the team in your Holy Communion tomorrow morning. They want it; they appreciate it. And you would do well to join with the players in their general intention for tomorrow's game -- the repose of the soul of Bon Conway, who was one of the most promising players on last year's freshman squad. The players have dedicated this game to him; all their belts and bruises, all their humiliation or glory, will be offered for him. It is a fine example for you to follow; it is real Notre Dame spirit.

Prayers.

Robert Braeckel has received word that an aunt of his is lying at the point of death. Wm. Gadek heard yesterday of a death of a little niece. An unconfirmed report from Robhester, New York, states that Vincent Sullivan's mother has died; her illness, reported on a recent Bulletin, prevented his return to school this year. Edward Keenan, of Badin Hall last year, lost his father in June; mention of this has been omitted through oversight. Three students ask prayers for sick relatives; three special intentions are recommended.

A Student is Seriously Ill.

Wm. Cavanaugh, a freshman from New York State, is very seriously ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, with bronchial pneumonia. Some hard praying is needed to pull him through. You wont neglect this.

The Blessed Virgin's Day.

Throughout the Catholic world, every Saturday is the Blessed Virgin's day. If there is no other feast for the day, the Divine Office and the Mass are said in her honor. At Notre Dame it has been traditional for students to attend Mass in her honor every Saturday. We owe her a debt we can never repay; this is interest on our obligation.

The Communion Feast.

There is no allowance of twenty minutes for the Communion fast at Notre Dame. In computing the time of the fast (for Holy Communion, or Friday, or any other liturgical purpose) it is the custom of the Church to permit the use of any time that may be current in the place. Thus, if it so happened that sun time were later than standard time at Notre Dame, you would be permitted that much latitude. But it so happens that the opposite is true at this point on the meridian, so sun time is twenty minutes ahead of standard time here. You can, of course, use standard time; twelve o'clock standard time marks the hour at which you must begin your fast if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

Brushing the teeth is a proper mark of respect before Holy Communion. You must stay away for the day if you are <u>sure</u> that you have swallowed water or tooth paste, but if ordinary precaution is used that need not happen. You need not be sure you haven't swallowed anything; the presumption is that you haven't, and the presumption yields only when you are sure that you have. Neither need you be afraid to take a shower on arising if you be so minded. You can do that with your moth shut. If you have any other questions on the fast, send them to the <u>Bulletin</u>. If they are judged to be of general interest, they will be answered here.