

Matriculation in Heaven.

Lawrence Dean, of Leetonia, Ohio, died Wednesday afternoon. Until two weeks ago he had expected to return to Notre Dame this year to graduate -- with honors, for he was a fine student. Two weeks ago today he suffered a shock that resulted in a nervous breakdown. He went down rapidly. Last Friday he was anointed.

He died on the first vespers of the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and we may well presume that he died with her name on his lips, for his passionate devotion was to the Mother of God. Time and again he told us that he always went to the Blessed Virgin for anything he wanted. He loved her school, he loved her beads, he loved the Grotto; anything connected with the Blessed Virgin found in his heart a ready response.

When he went home in June he had made all his plans to return this year and complete his education. He never suspected that it was already completed. But he had already received and worked into his life the great lesson that Notre Dame has to teach her boys: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Instead of beginning his classes here, he matriculated in heaven. God knows when He wants us, and He takes us when He is ready. Larry ran the course of life in a brief space, because he ran well. We cannot help feeling grief at his death, because he was a wonderful boy, and to know him was to love him; but since God can give him infinite happiness and we could do so little for him, we could not want him back.

Pray earnestly for the repose of his soul. Tomorrow morning at 6:30 we will have a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul and for the soul of Orlando Pucci, the other student who died this summer. This Mass will be in the church, and the whole student body is invoked to attend and receive Holy Communion for these two boys.

(Confessions will be heard after supper in the basement and Sorin chapels, and at night prayer in all the hall chapels. There will be four priests hearing confessions in the church tomorrow morning, but it will be impossible for these priests to hear many confessions during the time of the Mass. Kindly take care of this matter tonight.)

Prayers.

Henry Houghton, a student of a few years ago, died recently in Detroit. Wm. Jones asks prayers for a relative who died recently. A sister of Al Seymour is quite ill. Prayers are also requested for five sick persons, and for six special intentions.

John Cary.

John Cary, of Wisconsin, a Science freshman of last year, was very seriously injured in an auto accident recently. Several fractures and severe bruises and lacerations will keep him in the hospital probably until Thanksgiving. He and his family will appreciate your prayers for his speedy and entire recovery. John was very good about praying for others when he was up and about last year, and he had experience of the charity of your prayers when he was ill in St. Joseph's Hospital; he expects and will receive, we are sure, great benefits from your thoughtfulness.

Ed Hogan.

Some weeks ago a letter from Edmund Hogan, who cheated death so strenuously last winter, stated that he was learning to walk again. This was good news. If any student has a more recent report we will be glad to communicate it to the campus. Everyone was interested in his case last year.