
"Sunshine" Murphy and the Four Horsemen.

Word has come from San Francisco of the death of Father Michael J. Murphy, S.M., chaplain of the Home for the Aged in that city. He was a well-beloved priest who did great good, and he has a special claim to the prayers of Notre Dame men. This claim arises out of his devotion to the Four Horsemen and Seven Mules. He was an ardent advocate of daily Communion, which he fostered with great success among the inmates of the Home under his care, and when he learned that the Catholic members of the famous team of 1924 were daily communicants, he had a special medal struck for them, gold and diamond studded, and presented it with the following address:

"At a plenary meeting of the Sunshine Club, San Francisco, California, January 10th, 1925, it was unanimously voted that the 1924 Football Team of Notre Dame University be awarded the Gold Badge distinctive of the Organization.

"Worthy indeed of Sunshine Honors is an aggregation of young, unassuming gentlemen who, by indomitable courage, invincible daring, mental scientific alertness, spiritual power and confidence, won in 1924, often against great odds, the Football Championship of the United States of America."

--"Father M.J. Murphy, Chaplain."

Father Murphy's soubriquet of "Sunshine," by which the whole city knew him, came from the name which he gave his league of daily communicants -- an eminently fitting name for such an organization (for the sun surely shines in the heart that receives its God daily in Holy Communion) and one that was in harmony with his own cheerful character. May God grant peace to his happy soul.

The Gloomy Dean and Infallibility.

Dean Inge, the "gloomy dean" of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, does not believe in infallibility, so his Cambridge speech of Monday may express his convictions but not truth. He is quoted as having said:

"The will of God never and nowhere has been revealed to us in such a manner as to absolve us from the right and duty to make a decision. Infallibility is a category which men cannot use. For what guarantee can we have that any authority is infallible? When a great Church proclaims that it is necessary to salvation to hold to certain beliefs, we may speak of authority if we will, but authority is not what it pretends to be. It is a proclamation of martial law. The Church gives warning that it punishes dissent and forbids criticism. Absolute obedience is demanded, as from soldiers on campaign....."

The Dean has said so many things that one is not sure just what he believes. But if he believes in the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church from which he receives his living, he must believe that God is a good and loving God, and that Christ is the Son of God, co-equal with the Father. Now if God is good and loves His creature, man, it seems quite reasonable to believe that He would give man some knowledge of Himself -- and certain, infallible knowledge that would enable him to fulfill his aspiration to reach God. The Son of God maintained He gave us such a message, and approved similar messages given before through human prophets. And then He sent Apostles to give this message to the whole world, adding: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned." If the Apostles (now the Church) could teach error, then Christ would be placed in the position of sending men to hell for refusing to believe error -- which would contradict the goodness of God.

Prayers: Jos. Nugent was called home yesterday by the serious illness of his mother