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Eugene Cavanaugh Not So Well.

Eugene Cavanaugh has been improving rather rapidly for the past few days, but yesterday he had a set-back. The doctors were much encouraged the early part of the week, and showed hope of his ultimate recovery. Keep up your prayers.

Other Prayers.

Vincent McIntyre has been called to the bedside of his sister, who is dying. Sister Blizabeth, C.S.C., who spent the greater part of her sixty-eight years in the laundry here, died Tuesday at the local convent; her death was very sudden. She was a great friend of the students, and offered thousands of prayers and Holy Communions for their welfare. -- Fr. Duffy, S.S., died a few days ago. Two relatives of Dick Shiels are ill. Mri Frank Burke, father of Emmett, an alumnus, and a relative of Fr. Jos. Burke, C.S.C., President of St. Edward's College, Texas, was killed accidently Tuesday evening. A student asks prayers for the repose of the soul of a friend who was killed a few days ago; this friend came into the Church only ten days previously, and had the unique grace of receiving five Sacraments within the last ten days of his life. A cousin of Russell Sabo met death in an accident a few days ago. Two relatives of Jas. Morgan have pneumonia.

Another Requiem Tomorrow.

By request of the New Haven headquarters of the Boy Guidance department, there will be a Requiem Mass tomorrow at 6:25 for the repose of the soul of Frank Carr's father. Members of this department are requested to attend.

Help Bengal.

The Bengal Mission will receive the collection in church next Sunday. Make it a good one. This Mission is conducted by Notre Dame mon; priests and Brothers, in one of the most distressing climates in the world. Your contributions toward it this fall have hardly reached \$250; a few years ago \$1000 was the contribution during the fall months alone. On that occasion the students built a house for Father Brooks, a member of the class of 1912. Now Fr. Brooks, who is perhaps the most successful missionary in Bengal, is working out a school for native catechists to aid him in the work of instructing the candidates. Your contributions Sunday should make him a good Christmas present for his work.

Does Hell Make Atheists?

The modernistic Anglican Bishop of London, preaching last Sunday night in Westminister Abbey, stated that "pictures of roasting souls in hell make more atheists than any other thing in the world." Then he added that passages in St. Matthew's Gospel on the subject of future punishment "attributed to our Lord were not said by our Lord at all."

Perhaps the good bishop is right when he says that hell makes more atheists than anything else, but what can you do about it? We lack the private inspiration of the good bishop that would enable us to throw out of the Gospel what the early Christians gave their lives for; and we would find it a bit difficult to understand the life and death of Our Blessed Redeemer if there were no hell that He wanted to save people from. The bishop is certainly right if we are to infer from his sermon that it is hell and not heaven that the atheists are trying to get away from; they don't like the idea of hell at all (although they wouldn't object to heaven, per se) and in order to belster up their consciences on the matter of their no-hell program, they find themselves forced to deny first the inspiration of the Bible, and then the Divinity of Christ.