

Mass Friday of St. Denis  
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There will be no October  
adoration on Saturdays  
and Sundays.

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In A Body For The Team.

Phil Bondi, President of the S.A.C., has asked that a public student Mass be offered in the main church every Saturday morning at 6:25 for the protection of the team. Certain students will help get you up. When you hear their voices, turn out! Come to the church and offer your Masses and Holy Communions together with the celebrant. Nearly all members of the football squad will be with you at the Communion rail--or they will be very much different from the great Notre Dame teams of the past.

Father Thillman, R.I.P.

Surely most of you must have seen Father Thillman from time to time on the campus. He was short, slightly rotund, and fully gray in his 75th year. If you ever talked with him you remember his cheerful, buoyant, childlike manner. Our Lord once said, you remember: "Unless you become as little children you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." He didn't intend that the grown-up should play with toys and rifle pantries and lisp like a child. But He did mean that the unfeigned simplicity and humility of childhood must characterize the mature man.

Although Father Thillman's life was not entirely void of worldly glory, he didn't consider himself a "big shot"; hence he never expected attentions or favors or important appointments. Like Melchisidech, he was without a notable past; and, in his own words, his future seemed, for the latter years at least, mostly behind him.

Yesterday morning you heard the big bell toll. They were burying good, honest, friendly Father Thillman. Remember him in your Masses and Holy Communions, and emulate the childlike absence of malice and of troublesome ambition that must have made him dear to the Divine Judge.

Belief and Behavior.  
By Arnold Lunn.

Question II. "What does it matter what a man believes, so long as he behaves himself?"

Answer. Truth has its claims apart from the ethical consequences of truth. If a schoolboy stated in an examination paper that the battle of Waterloo had been fought in 1215, he would not mollify his examiner by remarking, "After all, a good man who thinks that Waterloo was fought in 1215 is much more likely to go to heaven than a bad man who thinks that it was fought in 1815. What does it matter what we believe about Waterloo or anything else provided that we behave ourselves?"

Secular education is based on the conviction that it does matter what we believe, even about comparatively unimportant things. If it be important to know what happened at Waterloo or Bunker Hill, surely, even from the point of view of the historian, it is important to know what happened on the first Easter Sunday. The happenings or, if you like, the alleged happenings of the first Easter Sunday transcend in importance and in influence on history any of the events for the accurate knowledge of which credits are accumulated in college courses. The question as to whether a particular body left a particular tomb is a question which transcends in interest and importance any other problem discussed by scientists. Therefore, it does matter both to the historian and to the scientist what we believe.

Question III. "All right, we'll allow that the facts or alleged facts on which the Christian religion is based have a certain academic interest, but you'll allow that it's more important that a man's behavior should be good than that his belief should be correct?"

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of John J. (Bad.), Francis J., '34, and Rev. Joseph B., '26, Toomey; grandmother of George Penrose (Fresh.); 1st anniversary, mother of O. Fisurato (Walsh). Ill, friend of Art Maddalona (Brown.); friend of Don Allon. 4 sp. ints.