

Lenten sermon and
Benediction for all
Wednesday, 6:30 and 7:00.

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Make a good confession
before leaving for the
Service, and get blessing.

Benefactor And Prominent Executive Dies.

The life and death of James A. Farrell should not pass by unnoticed by the student body. Most students and men in the field of commerce will remember Mr. Farrell as the head of the United States Steel Corporation.

The students can find inspiration in the life of this great Catholic and benefactor of the University. He rose to the top by dint of hard work, almost in story-book style.

The father of Mr. Farrell was a mariner. The young James often accompanied him on his voyages. In 1878 the father and crew sailed away and neither the ship nor the crew were heard of again. James was left on his own.

At the age of sixteen, the young man cut short his studies in New Haven schools and went to work for \$2.50 a week. This was back in 1879. It was in 1888 in Pittsburgh that Mr. Farrell entered the field of steel. He took a job in the mills of the Pittsburgh Wire Company. His progress was phenomenal. He rose from ordinary employee to foreman, plant superintendent and finally manager of the plant. He was only thirty years old when he was made general manager of that organization.

In 1899, when the American Steel and Wire Co. was formed, the concern made Mr. Farrell foreign sales agent. Two years later, when the U.S. Steel Corporation was being organized by the late Judge Elbert H. Gary, Mr. Farrell was named president of the U. S. Steel Production Corporation. In 1911, the U.S. Steel Corporation made him its president.

To say that Mr. Farrell was a business man does not tell the whole story; he was a good Catholic business man. The Holy Father, recognizing the great qualities of this zealous leader, honored him with the dignity of Knight of St. Gregory and Knight of St. Malta.

Mr. Farrell died in Manhattan last week at the age of eighty. His was a full life lived for God. The student can see in this story the ever present truths that success comes through hard work and that a good Catholic can be a good business man. Pray for Mr. Farrell and imitate his admirable virtues of industry and leadership.

The Laetare Medal.

The idea for the Laetare Medal come to life on the front porch of the Main Building. It was during the recreation time of the priests and the Notre Dame faculty that the conversation turned to the activities of Catholic laymen. One of the professors suggested that honors be given outstanding laymen. The idea was appreciated by the president of the University. This was in 1883.

For centuries it had been the custom of the Holy See to award, on Laetare Sunday, to some outstanding royal personality, the Golden Rose. Father Walsh, the president, adapting the idea to the American scene, determined that on Laetare Sunday of each succeeding year some outstanding Catholic, a citizen of the United States, man or woman, should be honored by Notre Dame. Instead of a rose, a gold medal was to be given.

Last Sunday, Laetare Sunday, the medal was awarded to Thomas F. Woodlock, New York author and associate editor of the Wall Street Journal. Mr. Woodlock's most recent writing, "The Catholic Pattern", a brilliant contribution to Catholic thought, is in the library of the Prefects of Religion and in the Main Library. Notre Dame presents this vigorous lay apologist as an inspiration to the student body.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Mr. Joseph O'Neil, C.S.C. (Moreau Seminary)
One Special Intention.