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The Train Wreck.

A correspondent living near the scene of the recent accident of the Red Arrow, crack Pennsylvania train, sends us some details of the tragedy that were not caught by the newspapers.

This much the public learned. At three o'clock in the morning while rounding a curve at the top of the mountain, the engines left the track and tore down into a ravine pulling the passenger cars after them. Twenty-five died and scores were injured.

But there were scenes that the national press releases missed. A woman came to help bury the dead; she died suddenly and was buried with the dead she came to bury. A woman in an upper berth took sick and the man in the lower space exchanged places with her; the crash came and death took the woman in the lower berth and not the charitable passenger. A Catholic trainman assisted in caring for the dead and injured; he in turn dropped dead in the station. Death took one man instantly and then returned later in the day to take his brother.

The Lesson Of The Story.

1. Death will come to all of us, perhaps when we least expect it.
2. Always be prepared to die: don't wait until tomorrow; there may be no tomorrow for you, so:
 - a) Never live in mortal sin, and remember that.
 - b) The Patron of a Happy Death is St. Joseph. The month of March is dedicated to him. Say the following prayer to draw down his special protection.

Prayer For A Happy Death.

Illustrious Saint, who hadst the happiness of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary, and who art honored by all Christians as the patron and consoler of those on the point of death. I beseech thee this day to afford me thy protection in the last moment of my life, even should my strength then fail me to implore thy assistance. Help me, I conjure thee, to die the death of the righteous, and that I may deserve so great a grace, enable me to live, as thou didst, in the presence of Jesus and Mary without ever offending their pure eyes with the hideous stain of sin. May I from this moment die to myself, my passions, my earthly desires, and to all that is not of God, in order that I may live only for Him who died for me. O Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless these desires of my heart. May I be able to fulfill them and die worthy of you, with your sweet names on my lips. Amen.

Only One Lenten Service Wednesday: 6:45 P.M.

Father Eugene Burke, C.S.C. will give the second sermon in the Lenten series tomorrow night. There will be no second service at 7:15 P.M. The sermon and Benediction will be over in sufficient time for all to secure seats at the basketball game before the deadline.