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If Johnnie Howard and Snubber Murphy and 817 others had joined the church last Saturday morning, we would have had the two thousand asked for, and the scene in the gymnasium might have been different. As it was, Friday and Saturday's totals had to be added together in order to wire the team that twenty-one hundred Communion had been offered for them. -- And there was protection! Without it the team would be in the hospital after the bruising attack received.

Better Army Than Nebraska.

Count in twelve games: Notre Dame, 8; Army, 3; Tie, 1. The Army has taken its beating regularly, and has always come back for more.

St. Joan of Arc.

St. Joan of Arc, patroness of the Army game for the past three years, will remain the patroness of future contests between the teams. It should be remembered that ~~St. Joan won glorious victories over the armies of England when victories~~ were in the divine plan, but that she also suffered adversities. She was tortured and burned at the stake as a witch. And we should not forget that her conduct in adversity was as noble as it was in prosperity, and that it won for her a place on the altars of the Church. St. Joan of Arc has churches dedicated to her honor in the home of her former enemies.

The Advantages of Adversity.

Adversity brings out many virtues that are difficult of cultivation in prosperity. Among the advantages to Notre Dame in her spiritual mission that will come through defeat, the following should be noted:

1. The moths are cleaned out. Among the professional followers of a winning team there are always swarms of moths -- senseless contenders for the spot-light who are useless, when not positively harmful. In the aftermath of victory they struggle hard to bring drunken discredit upon the Alma Mater of the winning team.
2. The freshmen -- and others -- are brought down to earth. Too many people are led by victory to believe in charms. The cheering at the Beloit game was almost an insult to the team; the stands were full of lounge lizards who felt that the team owed them a thrill, and that they owed nothing to the team.
3. Defeat is not failure, unless one makes it so. The slave of sin can draw powerful inspiration from the come-back that has always been staged by any defeated Notre Dame eleven -- and from the fight under which the defeat was always staged.
4. It has been the story in the past that whenever betting grew top-heavy, Notre Dame lost. Betting has never helped football, and it has no place in spiritualized football.

Prayers.

Joe Laughran, off-campus student, was operated upon for appendicitis yesterday afternoon. Gerald Lopez is still very sick in the hospital. Five special intentions and one other sick person are recommended to your prayers.