

Father Walsh's Mother.

Latest reports from Father Walsh state that his mother is very low. You have many calls upon your charity these days, but none more urgent than the request of the President of the University.

Jimmie Powers is not Doing So Well.

Yesterday's reports from the hospital were not a bit encouraging. For the first time since his accident James Powers ran a fever, and while his spirit remained as high as ever, his condition was lower. He suffered a great deal during the day; the removal of the drain from his operation was painful, and the numb tingling was very distressing.

What His Suffering Means.

Since James Powers has offered up his suffering for the conversion of sinners at Notre Dame, it may be well to state concisely just what is the value of his suffering.

1. His numbness makes reparation for the spiritual numbness of our pseudo-atheists;
2. His loss of the sense of touch makes up for sins of touch on the part of our shieks;
3. The loss of his feet atones for the sins of the feet of those who walk in evil ways;
4. His hunger and thirst make up for the gluttony of collegiate drunks;
5. His cheerfulness, patience, humility and gratitude make up for the anger and impatience, testiness and vanity, selfishness and inconstancy of those who will not pray for him.

Is He Praying For You?

His suffering each day is offered up for a different sinner, for some fellow who is not praying for him. That is Christ-like; it reminds one of the prayer of Christ, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." He is perfectly willing to go on and suffer until every man at Notre Dame becomes a Notre Dame man -- learns that lesson of charity that makes him his brother's keeper.

The Strange Voice.

You have heard it said that when God hears a strange voice He always answers at once for fear of discouraging the suppliant. God seems to be waiting for a strange chorus: the number of men who have failed to heed Jim's cry for help is notoriously large.

Our Chalice.

The Eucharist is beautifully called "The Memorial of the Passion." This is a Eucharistic Year at Notre Dame, and God is giving us a share in the Passion of His Divine Son. Sorrow and disaster have come to us early, but they have brought an abundance of spiritual blessings, and we should thank God for them.

It seems that we did not appreciate Van Wallace, so we have had his case brought right to our door. Sixteen months to the day after Van's accident, Jimmie was hurt, and his case looks just as hopeless now as Van's did then. It took more than a year to bring the doctors to give any hope that Van would live. His cheerful acceptance of his cross has beautified his own soul and has blessed all who have come in contact with him. Let us hope and pray that it will not take us 16 months to appreciate Jim.

*The others requests for prayers have come in since the last publication.