

The South Bend Tribune Expresses Our Sentiments.

Under the caption, "We Salute Two Parents," The South Bend Tribune published the following editorial last Friday evening:

"The citizenship of South Bend as well as the students and faculty of the University of Notre Dame will not fail to pause in their daily activities while they think with respect and admiration of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rowley, of San Antonio, Texas, who have just placed in the hands of the university the sum of \$12,000, the income from which will be used for the education of deserving boys of San Antonio. They do this as a memorial to their son, Edwin G. Rowley, who was killed accidentally by an automobile on Nov. 20 last while returning from South Bend to the campus. Edwin would have been graduated in the class of 1926. He was a student of high rank and a young man of excellent character and promise. His death was one of the heaviest under which worthy parents have risen.

"The Tribune enjoys a desirable and most beneficial intimacy with the men of Notre Dame. Its office is a frequent visiting place for many of them, while Tribune men visit the campus often and some of them assist in the instruction in journalism. Tribune men come to know the students and their teachers rather well. They are aware of this significant fact, that what is called the Notre Dame spirit is really such a reality to students that they impress their parents with it, as Rowley did. It was the Notre Dame spirit which helped these bereaved parents meet their great crisis.

"Then Mr. and Mrs. Rowley gave this sum of money to the university they expressed by the act the desire that the Notre Dame spirit which filled their son should be the portion of other San Antonio boys who have not the money with which to pay their way through school. And so the name and spirit of Edwin Rowley become a perpetual part of Notre Dame. Fine parents those; inspiring American people. Every parent in South Bend should feel life is more worthy living through their Christian example."

A beautiful tribute, and well deserved! Fruits such as these show that Notre Dame ideals work out; they show that not all the world is gone after materialism.

The Feast of the Grotto.

Next Thursday, February 11, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Sixty-eight years ago, on Thursday, February 11, Bernadette Soubirous, a little child of fourteen, was gathering firewood with two little companions on the banks of the Gave, when her attention was attracted by a sound as of rushing wind that seemed to come from a niche in the upper part of the Grotto of Massabielle. She looked, a bright light filled the niche, and there appeared a beautiful lady. The lady was dressed in white, with a light blue girdle; a white veil covered her head and fell over her shoulders to the ground; her feet seemed to rest on the rose tree, and their only covering was two large golden roses. On her arm was a white rosary, and as Bernadette watched, she blessed herself and began to pass the beads through her fingers. Bernadette took out her beads and followed her example.

For nineteen days the apparition continued -- fourteen of the days were consecutive -- and finally the Lady answered the frequently repeated request of Bernadette by saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception." During the course of the apparitions, the rose tree was made to bloom in February and a spring came forth from the Grotto and has continued to flow ever since, and cure countless people -- a never-failing well of miracles to prove the love of Mary for the afflicted. Visit the Grotto this week.