

Religious Bulletin
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Double Tragedy.

Within ten days Bernard Reavy of Brownson Hall has lost both father and mother. Few of us will ever be called upon to bear a shock so great. He and his brothers and sisters have great need of the grace of God to carry them through their trial. Your main intention in Holy Communion tomorrow should be for Bernard and his family, -- for the repose of the souls of his parents, and for the consolation and strength needed by those who remain.

More Prayers.

Three deceased relatives or friends and five persons who are ill are listed for remembrance in your prayers; remember also the soul of Jack Spillane, who died suddenly a year ago today. Clark Stanhope's mother is very seriously ill; 3 special intentions.

The Church Unity Octave.

Begin now to prepare your list of names for the Church Unity Octave, which begins next Tuesday. This devotion, which began with the Anglican Franciscan colony at Graymoor, New York, has, since the conversion of the members of this colony become a world-wide devotion in the Catholic Church, has for its object the grace of Faith for all who are not members of the One Fold. At Notre Dame it is customary to place on the altar throughout the eight days the names of those for whom we wish to ask the gift of Faith.

Write out at least five names, and place them in the basket in the rear of the basement chapel. The fifth may be the first to receive the gift; this has happened in the past.

Father Finner's Fund.

Two donations, one of twenty-five cents and one of a dollar started this fund on its way yesterday morning. The Sunday collection tomorrow will be turned over to the same purpose. But we don't want to wait for the Sunday collections to do the work slowly; we want Father Finner's new church and school to be built by your voluntary daily sacrifices -- dances, shows, ice cream, smoking, liquor, taxis, magazines, T-bone steaks.

Contributions are solicited especially from sinners. Any poor fellow who is having a hard time fighting temptation will find his fight cut in two if he practices charity earnestly; those especially who have spent money on sin this year should spend as much on charity as they have on sin.

About That Platform.

A short time ago the Bulletin announced its platform to be:

1. No Notre Dame men in Hell;
2. All Notre Dame men in Heaven to amount to something.

The second point has brought forth a query: Do not all those who get to heaven amount to something? They do, but---

It's hard to enthuse over a fellow who just gets to Heaven by the skin of his teeth. There are many degrees of happiness in Heaven, degrees determined by merit gained on earth. The Church does not canonize, and therefore does not hold up for veneration and emulation, any one who ever spent a day in purgatory. Negative goodness, just keeping out of mortal sin, is not the sort of thing; Notre Dame was founded to foster. We all win our monograms as Knights of Our Lady if we get to Heaven, but we want our monogram club to be a distinguished body, not just dubs.