

Bill Mitchell is Quite Low.

Bill Mitchell was anointed yesterday morning at 10:30. He had passed a bad night, and his condition was anything but favorable. A fracture of the skull is always a serious matter. He needs all the prayers you can give him. He is cheerful and makes a good patient when he is himself, but he is frequently in a very restless dilerium. Please say the beads for him today and offer Holy Communion for him tomorrow morning.

Novena for Exams.

A week more and you will be in the midst of your mid-semester worries. Start now to make your Novena and end it Wednesday of next week -- if you have dallied.

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"The last Religious Survey was a source of much interest and pleasure. Reading between the lines I can plainly see that the present student body is made up of the same wonderful type of fellows that I knew and cared so much for, and that the school is continuing to teach the ideal of the real Notre Dame Man."

This paragraph is a letter from an old boy is reassuring -- but somehow one gets a sneaking feeling that in this boy's day a boxing bout would not have gone by default. At least four or five hundred would have been found willing to jump in and take a beating for the glory of the school.

The New Questionnaire.

Within the next day or two you will be asked to fill out the questionnaire of the Religious Survey of 1927. You will not find it exactly an easy task. More than half of the questions are asked this year for the first time, and many of them require considerable thought. You will confer a distinct personal favor on the Prefect of Religion by answering promptly; every delay lessens the probability of your making a return.

The suggestion has been offered that a special plea be made this year that you take the Survey seriously. Such a plea would be an insult, and the Prefect of Religion has no intention of insulting you. This is the seventh annual Survey, and in no one of the preceding six Surveys has there been a disposition to be flippant on the part of more than half a dozen students. It is true that most students have at least one wheeze in their systems; when they get rid of this they settle down to a charmingly frank and simple analysis of themselves. It is this simplicity and hearty spirit of cooperation that has aroused the enthusiasm -- and holy envy -- of Catholic educators everywhere, who now look forward each year to the Survey as a sort of major spiritual episode in their lives.

As in the past, there are no direct questions on matters of conscience. One question might appear to be so, but is not. The question is, "What faults in your character have been pointed out to you by your roommate or best friend?" It should be observed that faults of character are asked for, not sins, and that the faults asked for are public ones, faults that have been observed and criticized. It will help you to face them, and it will help us generally to know what faults are common.

Prayers.

Dan McNally's mother is to undergo an operation today; Bob Stoepler's sister had an operation last Saturday; three other persons who are ill and five deceased persons are recommended to your prayers -- two of the latter are former students of the University.