

Religious Bulletin
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Bill Mitchell is Better Off Now.

"Now what do you do in a case like this? I want to go to confession but I went last Sunday and I haven't anything to tell." That was Bill Mitchell's request for the Last Sacraments. It tells a beautiful story. It means that Bill's Notre Dame education was a complete success; for this school is founded on the principle: "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world if he suffer the loss of his soul?"

Bill was a good Catholic. He had received Holy Communion about half the days since Lent began, coming out from town to the Sorin chapel to receive. He was at the Holy Table the Sunday before the accident. He received Holy Communion for the last time on Sunday morning, and although he had been delirious most of the night, he came into full possession of his faculties when the Blessed Sacrament was brought to him. Two hours later he was anointed, and the time of his anointing was his last period of consciousness. He made the Act of Contrition devoutly, and recited the Confiteor for the anointing.

"Holy Mary; Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and the hour of our death. Amen." These were his last conscious words. During the last Absolution that followed the anointing, he said three Hail Marys; at their conclusion he fell into delirium again, never to regain consciousness.

Bill Mitchell is better off now. He is freed from all the bitterness and trouble that life has for us, he was beautifully prepared to go, and he is sure of eternal happiness. We can pray for his parents, that they may be resigned to the Will of God, who has loved their only son and taken him when He was ready for him; we can pray for Bill that he will be admitted speedily to the Divine Presence.

There will be a Requiem Mass at 6:30 tomorrow morning for the repose of his soul. Please be there; and check below the offerings you wish to make for the consolation of his parents and for his eternal rest:

Masses to be heard

Masses to be said

Holy Communions

Rosaries

Way of the Cross

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

Visits to the Grotto

Other prayers