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Notre Dame Spirit Means Many Things.

The past week has seen the successful issue of a gigantic campaign for the re-awakening of what is called "Notre Dame spirit." Various attempts have been made to define this intangible thing; none of them, so far as we know, have been entirely successful. We shall not here attempt a definition of our own, but we do want to call attention to some of the things it stands for, lest men who are with us for the first time this year gather the impression that it means only what they saw in the gymnasium Wednesday night and in the send-off to the team Thursday.

You saw solidarity, and it means solidarity; you get solidarity when individual loyalty is universal and responds promptly to authority, whatever that authority be -- from Pope and President to cheer-leader. Loyalty is the beautiful virtue that is behind solidarity. Father Sorin instilled the virtue here, and the school has been famous for it. Two of Father Sorin's nephews were among his first companions at Notre Dame. After a few years service one of them came to him homesick, and asked leave to visit his home in France. The request was reasonable enough, but the going was rough, and Father Sorin saw need of driving home a lesson: "Go home and stay there," he said. "We need only Americans here."

Loyalty begins with God. The individual who is not loyal to the God Who made him, can not be trusted to be loyal to his fellow-man. If he lets selfish interests turn him away from the service he owes his Creator, you need not expect him to render unstinted service to his fellow-creature. Sin is disloyalty to God; and while sin may come in a moment of human weakness, loyalty prompts the sinner to say from the bottom of his heart, "I'm sorry."

Notre Dame spirit demands loyalty to God and country, to home and school, to God's Mother and your own mother. It demands that you fight for principle, and that you yield your own convenience for the common good. It connotes respect for virtue, contempt for vice, defense of the weak, charity towards all. Bob Ovington showed Notre Dame spirit when he wrote from France during the War: "I never plunge my bayonet into the heart of an enemy soldier without a prayer for the repose of his soul."

Notre Dame spirit means loyalty to your work as well as to your team. It means loyalty to your own soul as well as charity to your neighbor. It weighs consequences, and accepts them. Notre Dame spirit makes you think of your mother before you act.

Show your Notre Dame spirit today. Show it tonight. Show it tomorrow morning.

Prayers.

Father Stack's mother is not expected to live.

A student asks prayers for a deceased friend. You are urged to continue your prayers for Judge Wooten, whose impaired health is not showing the improvement hoped for. A friend of a student underwent an operation Thursday night. The mother of Fernando and Juan Romana, alumni, is gravely ill. A special intention.

Crucifixes.

At long last the new supply of crucifixes has arrived. You will find them at the pamphlet rack, which freshmen are allowed to visit, even though it is in Sorin Hall. The crucifixes are blessed with the indulgences of the Way of the Cross and Happy Death.

Poor Souls Devotions.

The prayers and Benediction will be held at 12:30 today and 7:30 tomorrow evening. Today the football team will be remembered in them.