
Father O'Donnell's Tragic Year.

It is a year this week since Father O'Donnell contracted the infection that nearly cost him his life last spring, and which has kept him confined to a hospital most of the time since his convalescence began. While his cheerful patience in affliction has been inspiring, we would prefer to have the inspiration of his presence. Keep praying for him. Offer all your Holy Week Communions for his recovery. He hopes to return to the University shortly after Easter; pray God that he may return cured.

The Calf Goes Back to Pasture.

Salva reverentia, the following contribution from a fan is to the point:

"In the thirty-second chapter of the Book of Exodus Aaron tells Moses that he collected gold from many of his people with this disastrous result: 'And I said to them, Which of you hath any gold? and they took and brought it to me; and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.'

"Many a parent, wishing to educate a son, gathers up what gold he has and almost literally casts it into the fire by spending it on his son's education - and behold a calf comes out."

And now the calf goes back to green pastures.

It is your parents who threw the gold into the furnace; let them judge what comes out.

Vacation is a test of character. Your parents can judge the solidity of your cooperation with the spiritual helps that Notre Dame has placed at your disposal. Most of you have parents who know what goes on at Notre Dame in the way of spiritual training; most of you have parents who care. If you love your parents you will give them no cause to regret what they have spent on your education.

Keep Holy Week holy. You don't have to go to college to learn to desecrate these days in which we commemorate the institution of the Blessed Sacrament, and the suffering, death, and resurrection of Our Divine Saviour. If you do desecrate them, forget that you ever went to Notre Dame - and we will try to forget you. If you are a real Notre Dame man, you will spend a liberal portion of your time in church this week - and you will most certainly receive Holy Communion on Easter Sunday morning.

Go Home Clean.

Bruce Craham's tragic accident is still fresh in our minds. It should drive home to us, if anything can, that the only important thing in life is to be always ready to die. Accidents of travel have taken the lives of many Notre Dame students - especially during vacations.

If you are not ready to meet God, prepare your soul before you go. Go to confession tonight, if you need to go; be at Holy Communion tomorrow morning. But don't risk your eternal salvation on the strength of the law of averages. Tonight, tomorrow morning, you may see Notre Dame for the last time. It isn't a cheerful thought, but if it is a saving thought, thank God for it.

Prayers.

Deceased: ex-Congressman Barnhart, an old friend of the University; the father of Ray Fitzgerald, ex-'25. Ill: the infant twin sons of Frank J. Belting, '29; Thomas LaLonde's grandfather. Three special intentions.