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Father O'Donnell's Condition.

While Father O'Donnell has been resting more quietly for the past day or two, his general condition has been worse. There has been no fever for several days, but he is growing weaker day by day, and he now has few rational periods. Please continue your prayers for him.

May Devotions Tonight.

As announced Sunday, there will be only one sermon and Benediction tonight - 7:30.

Do You Brush Your Teeth?

There must be an editorial somewhere in the fact that a man may be most meticulous about some such ritual as brushing his teeth four times a day, and yet be absolutely impervious to the needs of his soul - allowing it to go on accumulating grime and filth without a thought of cleansing it. Write your own editorial on this particular stupidity.

Hymns at the Grotto.

Following are the attendance figures this month at the evening service at the Grotto:

| S   | M   | T   | W   | T   | F    | S          |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------------|
|     |     | 500 | 550 | 475 | Rain | 100(movie) |
| 250 | 425 | 375 | 450 | 275 | 275  | 70(movie)  |
| 250 | 350 | 300 |     |     |      |            |

One of your most beautiful memories in later years will be the picture you will recall of the hundreds who now show in this way their devotion to the Mother of God.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

90. Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance but said nothing about confession. Why do we have it?

Ans. We do not know that He said nothing about it; there is no record of anything of the sort in the Bible, but the Bible gives only a summary of His teaching. Confession is, however, a necessary conclusion from the nature of the Sacrament as He instituted it. He gave the Apostles the power to "forgive and retain" - to judge sins, in other words. What judge can pass sentence without knowing the case? Doesn't every court demand witnesses? What witness is there in the Sacrament of Penance but the penitent himself? What would you say of a judge who would give you a sentence of twenty years without hearing a single witness for or against you?

91. What do you think about all other sports suffering at the expense of football at Notre Dame?

Ans. By a large stretch of the imagination this question can come under the head of religion - by seeing in the question an accusation of injustice. In reply we ask what you think of the rest of the hall suffering at your expense when you get a large box from home. You have put the cart before the horse. If football pays the way of most sports - as it does in all large universities - it is reasonable that its equipment should be adequate. -- However, if you mean that public interest in football overshadows public interest in some other sports, we will have to refer you to Warren Brown or some of the experts. That's out of our line.

PRAYERS: Deceased - a brother of Msgr. Shannon, benefactor of the University; Mrs. Anna O'Neill, wife of Hon. Francis O'Neill, whose gift of Irish literature is one of the treasures of our Library; the mother of Joe, '26, and Dick Hyland, '18; an aunt of Ed Grahams. Ill - the mother of Father Finnegan, C.S.C. 3 sp. intentions.

GAPS IN ADORATION: Thur. - 8:30; 2:30(2). Fri. - 9:30; 11:30(2); 2:00; 2:30; 3:30.