

APPRECIATION



DICK SULLIVAN

The most inspiring tributes to Dick Sullivan have come from close friends who knew him best. A pal and classmate (who, for financial reasons, had to withdraw from the University this year) writes from home:

"Only this morning I read of the death of Dick ('Doc') Sullivan, and I feel that I must tell you what I thought of him.

"We were good pals, of course, and so I got to know one of his greatest attributes and rather envied him for it. That was purity. 'Doc' was really a good, clean fellow, and surely must have earned the Kingdom of Heaven on that quality alone. My folks knew 'Doc' too, as he was down to the house for a visit, and they both have the highest regard for him. Please extend my condolences to his father and mother, and tell them that I will remember 'Doc' for a long time to come."

How that virtue of purity is venerated among right-minded men!

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FROM DILLON

The combined action of 91 Dillon Hallers will console Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, as it will edify the entire University. These 91 freshmen banded together and pledged themselves in writing to go to Mass and Holy Communion for six consecutive mornings for the repose of Dick's soul. A spiritual bouquet made up of these 546 Masses and Communions will be sent to the parents of Dick.

OBSEQUIES

From the Rev. Thomas McAvoy, C.S.C., who represented the University at Dick's funeral, comes the following note:

"I went to Poughkeepsie Monday evening, saw the Sullivans and sang the Mass Tuesday morning. Father Moylan preached a fine sermon in which Holy Communion, prayer, and athletics, as aids to keep youth from sin, were extolled."

BRIGHT SIDE OF PURITY

Purity is not merely a negative, thou-shalt-not virtue. It is not joyless self-denial. It is a most positive affair, a matter of spending one's energies in intensely satisfying and worthwhile activities, of crowding out the low and bestial by filling life full of noble and interesting things.

The pure man feels the encouraging joy of accomplishment. Through vigorous, regular work and exercise he wars constantly against sloth. The pure man reads clean, bright, intelligent literature. He patronizes talented shows and movies. He insists upon brains and self-control in his friends.

Rightly managed, the pure life is no bitter hardship but a source of growth and gratification. Purity calls for the development of all that is best in a man.

ADVENT STARTED YESTERDAY

Here at Notre Dame you are dispensed from nearly all days of fast and abstinence. But no one can free you from this stern warning of Christ: "Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish." Advent and Lent are the two great penitential seasons of the year. This advent you should get up and go to Mass and Holy Communion daily. You should do your work as conscientiously as possible. Maybe your sense of fitness will urge you to sign the pledge, to give up dates and shows.

NOVENA FOR PURITY

It started last Friday and will end Saturday morning, day before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You were home over the week-end and didn't get started? Then begin tomorrow morning. Ask Our Lady at Mass and Holy Communion to help you develop and strengthen the all-important virtue of purity. Visit the Grotto every day during the rest of the week.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rev. Lawrence Donnelly (Pittsburgh); brother of Bud Ruffer (Sorin). Ill, father of Bill Gillespie (Sorin); Joe McGuire (St. Edward's); Ralph Wingfield (Carroll); aunt of Tom and Frank Quinlan; grandfather of Martin Gloeckler (Dillon); Father John Hayes; Monsignor David L. Hickey of Bradford, Pa.; brother of Rev. Thomas McAvoy, C.S.C. Three special intentions.