

PRAYERS: Deceased, aunt
of Bob McKee (O-C); un-
cle of Wm. O'Connor, (Car.)

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Ill, Friend of John Dool-
ing (Mor.); aunt & friend
of Father Craddick

"The Man Believed the Word Which Jesus Said to Him."

Sunday's Gospel teaches you a lesson in humility and faith. Had the ruler, of whom the Gospel speaks, lived on in prosperity, without the hand of death whipping him to his knees, he probably would not have met the Saviour.

So it is with the chastisements God inflicts. He strikes to heal, not to kill. In his affliction the ruler hunted Jesus for relief. The request is granted. And the ruler's one humble act of heroism merited divine Life for his family...Look for the hand of God in every sorrow that haunts you.

Nothing brings out your character as much as adversity. Those who have never suffered or who have always cultivated comforts and conveniences, are usually egotistic, proud and selfish. They lack a "tried" faith because they have despised humility and avoided suffering.

Prosperity is dangerous. Not once did Our Lord bless it with His benediction. Wealth, leisure and constant pleasure make you forgetful of God. You never long so ardently for heaven, never are so alive with faith, never are so humble as when you are hurt, torn dragged on your knees by some sorrow or disappointment.

Humility is a virtue proud pagans despise. For them it is disgraceful, an unmanly weakness. God thinks otherwise. He pardons the contrite and humble sinner. "God resisteth the proud...but to the humble He giveth grace."

Prayers Wanted

N.D. is more than a University. It is a family, and the boys who have gone out look back to you, their younger brothers, for help. Here is a typical Bulletin request for prayers. It's from Al Scott, '22, a prominent judge in Los Angeles:

"Saturday night I called to see Dr. Robert Dockweiler, a brother of Henry and Tom Dockweiler, and son of Isidore Dockweiler. (all N.D. graduates, Ed.) He is suffering from carcinoma of the kidney.

"He is perfectly resigned, although in great pain. I know it would be an act of charity on the part of the students of Notre Dame to offer up their prayers for him, as the poor boy is really suffering excruciating pain all the time. When I told him that I was going to write to you, he seemed to be very happy, as he has a real Notre Dame spirit, and has implicit faith prayer. I know that not only the family but all of his friends here will appreciate any prayers that the students will offer up for him."

The boys will bear down, Al, for this and all intentions in the Bulletin. That's one tradition Our Lady and the Bulletin will never allow to die. Then the boys of today can write back to those of tomorrow, confident of their help.

Men Wanted

Among the organizations weakened by graduation is the Campus Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The remaining twenty members of this active, seven-year-old campus group extend an invitation to all, particularly to the freshman class, to be present at a weekly meeting in the K. of C. lounge in the basement of Walsh Hall any Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. This group helps poverty-stricken individuals and families in many ways. If this activity appeals to you, why not be a visitor this Sunday or next? Or come to the office, 23 Lyons, any afternoon.