

10:00 P.M. Tues.  
report: Tony  
is holding his own.

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(appendectomy) Ray  
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### Exams And the Shakes.

The final examinations are but fifteen days away. Knees are beginning to quake even now, not from lack of readiness, but from normal anxiety. If fear has crept up on you and you want to steady yourself, take the following suggestions to heart.

Attend Mass. God knows the answers to all the questions your professors are going to give you, and He is powerful and wise enough to guide you in your study so that you will be ready for those questions. But you must ask him for guidance, along with the other blessings required for success, like a good memory, a clear understanding, peace of mind, and perseverance in study.

You can pray for this necessary help alone, and God will hear your prayer - up to a certain point, namely, up to the degree of your worthiness, and that may not be very high, because of past sin and infidelity to the inspirations of grace. But Our Blessed Lord will come to make up for your unworthiness, if you assist at Mass, for there He makes your intentions His own. And though God the Father may not be touched by your prayers, He will certainly be moved by those of His Son. If you are truly anxious to do all you can to obtain God's blessing, you will rise for Mass during these pre-exam days.

The second part of our suggestion is: attend Mass every day, starting tomorrow. If your prayer has often failed, you should look back and see if you were not at fault by not persevering in it, for perseverance is necessary for successful prayer. A man who is not willing to stay at prayer shows God that the favor desired cannot be of much importance. God sometimes keeps us at prayer for a long time, not that He is not going to grant our favor, but more to make us prepare our hearts for His gifts by more humility and confidence.

### How Tall are You?

How tall are you? The yardstick cannot tell--  
You are as tall as thoughts with which you dwell.  
You are as tall as are the words you speak,  
The company that you avoid or seek,  
The good, the evil things that make or mar  
Will tell unerringly how tall you are. (Inez Clark Thorson,  
in the Ave Maria)

### Prayers.

(deceased) mother of Ray Sherkey (Vetville); mother of Harry Flanagan, '42; friend of Joe Kelley; Michael Maloney, friend of Ed O'Malley (Dil); William Purcell, ex.'15; wife and three children of Tom Edwards, '27 (burned to death when home caught fire); James Murphy, '99; brother of Sister Lucilla, CSC (Students' Infirmary).

(Ill) uncle of Father James Norton, CSC (asst. Director of Studies); Richard Sheehan, friend of Jack O'Rourke (Wal.); Mrs James Feth, friend of Bill Klee (Dil) mother of Wally Kristoff; Father of Father Robert Fagan, CSC; John Hill, grandfather of Murray Powers (Morr). Eight Special Intentions. Three Thanksgivings.

Bill McFadden of Zahn was injured last week while playing. He has a broken collar bone, and will be on the flat of his back for three weeks, at least, in St. Joseph's Hospital.