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Prayers: (deceased) Anton A.
Rosenberger, '07. Ill but im-
proved, Don Burkhart (Morr.)

Notre Dame Will Remember Mr. Gavin.

The thoughtfulness of a Notre Dame senior brought to our desk this personal information about Mr. Martin Gavin, the man who died of a heart attack in the stadium Saturday.

"Although I did not know Mr. Gavin personally, I was taught in high school by one of his two sons who are Christian Brothers. The one who taught me has a very high esteem and love for Notre Dame, so much so that many of us thought he was an alumnus, which, as a matter of fact, he is not.

"Mutual friends have told me that this love and deep respect for Notre Dame, which this Christian Brother exemplified, was instilled into him by his father--Mr. Martin Gavin--who loved Notre Dame as much as any graduate ever could....I personally believe that Notre Dame has lost a loyal and true friend in the person of Mr. Gavin, who, in his lifetime, did so much to spread her glory and fame."

To the bereaved family of Martin Gavin Notre Dame extends her heartfelt condolences. The 9 o'clock Mass next Sunday will be offered for the repose of his soul. The secret of his devotion for Notre Dame, how it began, why it flourished, may never be fully known. When you get right down to it, there is "something" about Notre Dame. Better could it be said that there is "Some One" here. Is it the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the twenty-seven chapels? Or is it the presence of the invisible Lady whom we call Our Lady, whose influence spreads beyond the frontiers of her 1,700-acre campus? Whatever the explanation may be, Mr. Martin Gavin now knows and needs no further explanation. . . May his soul rest in peace.

Signs Signify Something.

There are all kinds of signs--good, bad, indifferent. . . Smoke is the sign of fire. . . Saluting the flag is a sign of patriotism. . . A handshake is a sign of friendship. . . Words are the signs of ideas. . . Tears are the sign of grief as laughter is a sign of joy. . . Foul language is a sign of foul minds, as filthy conversation is a sign of dirty minds.

Our Lord made use of signs and symbols. The lilies of the field were signs of divine Providence. . . Sheep and goats were signs of the good and bad. . . Love of neighbor is a sign for the love of God. . . And the Parable of the Prodigal Son is a sign of His Father's wonderful mercy.

The eyes, the tongue, the hand, the gesture, material things are used as symbols to convey invisible meanings. None of these signs effect what they symbolize. But there are some that do; we call them Sacraments: outward signs of inward grace.

Giving the word SIGN its richest meaning, the Mass is the SIGN of the Cross. In both the Cross and the Mass there is the same Priest and Victim which is Christ, but the manner of offering differs. "On the Cross He was alone; in the Mass He is with us."

Sacrifice itself is a symbolism of deep significance. It is a sign of our self-offering to God; it acknowledges God's absolute dominion over us and our absolute dependence on God; it expresses our fundamental relationship with Him. The Mass which is the SIGN of the Cross is the perfect sacrifice. In the Mass the Mystical Christ, Christ and us, renews His perfect sacrifice and its merits flow into us.

Know what the Mass is and you will love it. Love it and you will serve the Priest and Victim who offers Himself for you. The liturgy, highly symbolical, is the "sign" language for the worship of God. One practical way to appreciate the Mass is to buy a missal and learn to use it. (Visit your student chaplains; they have missals.)