Three students ask prayers for brothers of theirs who are dangerously ill. One is to undergo a serious operation very soon. Bob Graham of Corby Hall, had an operation for appendicitis during the holidays. Five students request prayers for deceased relative. Sister Lucy of the Convent here, died during Holy Week. A student who is suffering from tuberculosis asks urgent prayers.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the accidental death of William Dockman, brother of Carl, of Brownson Hall. The anniversary Mass will be at 8:00 Mass Sunday; and you are urged to remember his soul in your Holy Communion both tomorrow and Sunday.

What did you get out of vacation?

God gives us vacation. He ordained one day of rest in seven, and commanded in the old law certain periods of rest throughout the year, days which were however, to be sanctified to Him.

There are many notions about vacation, and into lots of them God does not enter. Some people frequent dance halls on Good Friday, some get drunk, some attend the movies and find the day fearful long because people are so uninterested on that day.

If you passed the vacation according to God’s plan, you are a better man for it, and you will have some good resolutions that will carry you through the fourth quarter. If you spent it according to any one of the plans suggested by the devil, you should be at least a wiser, if not a better man, and you should have sense enough to lay better plans for your next departure from school.

It is tests that we learn our weaknesses. If you have learned any weaknesses during the past week, turn them to your profit now under proper spiritual guidance. Start back at once to daily Communion, practice daily mortification, read the right kind of spiritual reading, and meditate. Have you learned to meditate - look into yourself.

The Graph

A little graph showing the daily Communions for the past year was posted yesterday as a Religious Bulletin, and it will remain for a time to give you a chance to study it. It tells a great tale of good resolutions accompanied by want of resolution. It is the commonest experience in the world for students to miss Holy Communion for a week or two if by accident they happen to miss once. The graph is full of cases of that kind. They indicate weakness. Weakness can be overcome - by meditation.

A Novena for Perseverance.

A Novena for Perseverance will begin next week. There is time before Christmas for a little introspection. It will do you good to analyse yourself, with the help of the Holy Ghost, to find your failings.