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Another Student Anointed.

Arthur Kirk, a senior off-campus student, was anointed yesterday morning; his condition showed some improvement during the day. He was taken to the Hospital with a high fever at one o'clock Wednesday morning. Your prayers for his recovery will be appreciated.

Edmund Hogan Fights Cheerfully.

A priest dropped in to see Edmund Hogan Wednesday evening and the lad told him: "I was anointed this afternoon, so I am going to get well right away." That's the kind of fight there is in the boy. His face is bright and his color good; you would say to look at him that his guess was a good one. His condition is terrible, however, and there isn't a thing in medical science that can save him. Brownson Hall did a bit for him yesterday morning, and the number of Holy Communions in the basement chapel rose from 191 to 245. Perhaps God would work the miracle for him if the rest of the hall would respond -- including three who have not received the Sacraments yet this year.

Prayers.

Joe Butler, of Walsh Hall, asks prayers for his deceased grandfather, and Edward Seiter for his grandmother, who died yesterday. Fred Dockweiler left for home yesterday to receive attention for diseased tonsils which have caused complications in his system. You are urged to continue prayers that Notre Dame will be spared the epidemic of flu which seems to be sweeping the country. Four special intentions.

Case-Hardened.

That is the term that is used to describe the person who is impervious to all appeal. It is applicable to such readers of the Bulletin as have never offered a prayer or Holy Communion for the relief of the distresses of their fellow-students as set forth here from day to day. Ordinarily there is only one cure for it -- a rude shock, such as a narrow escape from death, a death in the family, or some such matter.

We recall a case of this sort here during the War. One of the students was so affected by the news of his brother's death that his plight was pitiable. Attempts to console him really seemed useless. The effect remained quite noticeable for about three months, and finally brought him to the Sacraments. He offered Holy Communion for the repose of his brother's soul.

Take Home A Survey.

Your pastor may never have heard of the Religious Survey of Notre Dame, or he may not have seen the issue of last year. In either case he will thank you if you take him a copy. A fresh supply will be placed at your disposal at the pamphlet rack for the next week. Your high school teachers may also be interested. All Catholic high schools in the United States are on the mailing list to receive a copy, but it sometimes happens that a particular teacher will miss seeing it, or will want a copy for personal use. The book is free, and if you can do some good in spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament by aiding its circulation, you may cover some of your "multitude of sins."

Mortifications and Aspirations.

Questions are asked about these two items on the Spiritual Bouquet. A mortification is any act of self-denial, such as going without something you like, missing a show, and so forth. An aspiration is a short prayer; specifically, one of the short ejaculatory prayers with indulgences attached, which you will find in any practical prayer book. There are leaflets of such prayers at the rack.