At eight o'clock this morning in the church there will be a High Mass in commemoration of the silver jubilee of the ordination of Father Nieuwland to the priesthood. Those who are free at the time should try to attend it. Twenty-five years, a quarter of a century, is a beautiful span in the service of the Divine Master; and those years, in the case of Fr. Nieuwland, have been very, very fruitful. We congratulate the jubilarian and wish him many more years in God's service.

For Brother Alphonsus.

Brother Alphonsus suffered a nervous breakdown recently, and reports from the Sacred Heart Sanitarium, where he is undergoing treatment, state that he is not making the progress that was expected. You are urged to offer prayers for his recovery. No religious at Notre Dame has been more faithful to his duties than Brother Alphonsus; and he has been a slave to the students whom he has served for many years. He deserves all at our hands. Keep him in all your prayers.

Old Clothes.

If you have any discarded clothing that is still serviceable, leave it with the rector of your Hall when you depart for the holidays. It may serve to keep some poor man warm; a little thoughtfulness on your part may be a great act of charity to another.

Boys Have Been Killed During Holidays.

You never know when God wants you. "The Son of Man will come like a thief in the night." Each holiday period at Notre Dame has seen the death of some students in an accident of travel.

1. In 1917, on the way home for Christmas, Tom Spalding was killed instantly in a train wreck outside of Louisville.
2. In 1924, during the Easter holidays, on Holy Thursday, Bill Dockman had his legs cut off by a freight train; he died that afternoon.
3. In 1925, on the way home in June, George O'Leary's car turned over and he was fatally injured; he died ten days later.

Each of these boys was well prepared to die. You do not know that you are going to be more fortunate than they were in reaching your earthly destination; go out prepared for your heavenly destination and you will be in proper condition to meet either your mother or your Divine Judge.

Holy Communion Before 5:30.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion earlier than 5:30, the hour at which distribution usually begins in the Sorin chapel, leave word the night before with the Prefect of Religion, 141 Sorin. Don't be afraid to make your want known; others do it, and you need not cheat yourself of the Sacraments if you are taking an early train.

Edmund Hogan.

Edmund Hogan had a bad day Sunday, and was better yesterday. His vitality is remarkable. Don't forget to make out a Christmas Spiritual Bouquet for Him. It will cheer him mightily -- and don't mark it, "Not to be opened till Christmas." He needs the cheering up right now.

Prayers.

Joe O'Bryan's mother and brother are very ill. A mother of seven children is ill with pneumonia.