Funeral Services for Dr. Powers 8:00 Fri., Main church. Students come!

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Death that smothers living hearts in deathly sadness opens also the gates to God.

Dr. Francis J. Powers met death Tuesday, September 17, fortified by the sacraments and by the immeasurable merits of a selfless and conscientious life. A Notre Dame man himself he served for 25 years as University physician. Such responsibility never rested on worthier shoulders. Entire nights he spent at suffering bedsides; he insisted on ministering to professors, students, and members of the Congregation when he had been advised to go to bed. Dr. Powers brought to his profession an heroic concept of service together with a gifted and highly trained mind. The University in grief and gratitude deeply mourns his loss.

In the sultry days before last August 15 there were cassocks to be made for the incoming novices. The tailor himself has to cut them, as he had cut cassocks for priests and seminarians and brothers for upwards of thirty years. He finished the last one, laid aside his heavy scissors, and dropped back from his bench unconscious. It was John Mischker ending a long lifetime of service to Notre Dame. Subsequently he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, and last Monday evening died in the odor of the sacraments of the Church. Generations of Notre Dame men will join in offering to the wives and families of these two splendid men profoundest sympathy and the promise of many prayers.

During the summer God took one noble representative from each of the three returning classes. Last Monday, as hundreds of Seniors hurried to the University for registration, Jack Sweeney, a classmate, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Logansport, Indiana. As reward, no doubt, for his clean and amiable life, God left him consciousness and the opportunity of receiving the last sacraments just before he died.

A little earlier in the month, on Sunday, September 1st, Joe Donahue, junior, met death in another auto accident, ten miles west of Independence, Iowa. Joe had spent "a perfect summer" on a cattle ranch in Nebraska. He was returning to his home in South Bend and to Notre Dame. At the hospital in Independence he first asked for a priest, and shortly after receiving Holy Vaticum and Extreme Unction, lost consciousness and died.

From last January until June prayers were frequently asked on the Bulletin for Charley Hodiorne, freshman of Dillon Hall. After his long and trying illness he dies early in July in the General Hospital at Patterson, N.J. All three of these boys were exemplary Catholics. It is comforting to be able to say that, in such full truth. All three died with every comfort and assurance of the Church.

Thousands of alumni and students read in the newspapers last July of the death of Father William A. Maloney, C.S.C., assistant to the president, former professor and at one time secretary of the University. He died on July 2 in St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend. Through his brilliant and indefatigable labors he became closely identified with the phenomenal growth of Notre Dame.

Another prominent character on the campus was Brother Cyprian, C.S.C., for many years professor of accounting and custodian of Washington Hall. He is best known to recent students in the latter capacity because illness forced him to relinquish teaching four years ago. Brother Cyprian died July 29th in the Community Hospital at Notre Dame.

Remember frequently the souls of those men in your prayers, Masses, and Holy Communions throughout the year. Special Masses for them will be announced during the Missions.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Father Zubowicz, C.S.C.; Charley Roy, the father of Pierro Champion '25; the sister of Roy, William Delony, C.S.C.; mother of Ed and Ralph O'Malley; father of Hugh Gallagher '30.