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Prayers.

Mrs. Plummer, one of the maids of Howard hall, lost both her father and mother during the Christmas vacation. The father of Father Bernard McCarthy, prefect on the 4th floor of Morrissey hall, died last week. A notice has come in that the twin brother of Ray Durst, '26 is dead. Others reported dead are; Joseph Sweeney, '26 (Chicago); mother of Msgr. John Fitzgerald (vice-chancellor of Chicago Archdiocese); Joseph Hurley, friend of Dave Scheider (Al); sister-in-law of Brother Justin, CSC; father of Elmer (Dil) and John (43) Millman; Aloysius Dixon, ex '48 (East Chicago); uncle and aunt of Larry Madigan (Ly). Gene Senecal (OC) is sick in St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Wheatley, a friend of Harry Yeager (How) is ill.

A Proof For God's Existence,

When you run into someone who tries to tell you there is no God, read this quotation to him:

"The earth rotates on its axis one thousand miles an hour; if it turned at one hundred miles an hour, our days and nights would be ten times as long as now, and the hot sun would burn up our vegetables each long day while in the long nights any surviving sprout would freeze.

"Again, the sun, source of our life, has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and our earth is just far enough away so that this 'eternal fire' warms us just enough and not too much! If the sun gave off only one half its present radiation, we would freeze; and if it gave half as much more, we would roast.

"The slant of the earth, tilted at a angle of 23 degrees, gives us our seasons; if it had not been so tilted, six vapors from the ocean would move north and south, piling up for us continents of ice. If our moon was, say, only 50 thousand miles away instead of its actual distance, our tides would be so enormous that twice a day all continents would be submerged; even the mountains would soon be eroded away.

"If the crust of the earth had been only ten feet thicker, there would be no oxygen, without which animal life must die. Had the ocean been a few feet deeper, carbon dioxide and oxygen would have been absorbed and no vegetable life could exist. Or if our atmosphere had been much thinner, some of the meteors, now burned in space by the millions every day, would be striking all parts of the earth, setting fires everywhere.

"Because of these and a host of other, examples, there is not one chance in millions that life on our planet is an accident.... by unwavering mathematical law we can prove that our universe was designed and executed by a great engineering intelligence."

This is an excerpt from the recent book, "Man Does Not Stand Alone," by A. Creasy Morrison, former president of the New York Academy of Science. Your text book may be dry as dust, but this quotation makes the argument for the existence of God from design a living thing. Use it on the next atheist you meet.