Why Forty Hours.

The carnival days in Rome, which preceded Ash Wednesday, always brought sin to a new high with drunkenness, impurity and immorality of every sort. This riotousness broke the heart of an Italian priest. So, to make reparation for these excesses, this pastor obtained permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament exposed for three days and nights, and invited the people who loved God to come and take turns in prayer before the altar.

This devotion soon spread to every parish church in the world. Love and reparation is its chief purpose. The traditional time for the Forty Hours at Notre Dame is on the three days before Ash Wednesday.

These three days of prayer are filled with abundant blessings for those who visit Christ in the Eucharist. No student is so busy that he cannot make at least one half-hour period of adoration sometime during the Forty Hours. Drop into the church for a short visit after each meal and between classes.

Indulgences For Forty Hours.

A plenary indulgence may be gained once each day by those who receive the Sacraments, visit the church, recite five times the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be To The Father, and another Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be To The Father for the intentions of the Pope.

An indulgence of fifteen years may be gained each time the church is visited and prayers, as those mentioned above, are said with a contrite heart.

The confession required for gaining the plenary indulgence may be made at the time of the Forty Hours or during the eight days preceding or following it. Holy Communion may be received on the day preceding the Devotions or during the eight days after it.

Prayers.

Len Aull (al) was called home yesterday because of the serious condition of his father who suffered a heart attack. The mother of John Connell (Cav) was very seriously burned recently.

Former Professor Francis X. Ackerman, who was associated with Notre Dame for over fifty years, died last week. Mr. Ackerman will be remembered by two generations of engineers for his mechanical drawing classes. Word was received yesterday of the death of the mother of Sister Madeleva, CSC, President of St. Mary's College. The fiance of Joe Pert (Z) and the uncle of Noll Wilkins (OC) died recently. Joe Callahan, '38 of Long Island, N.Y., writes that his father died suddenly on Jan. 20.