

make a sincere act of contrition and firm resolution to confess their sins at the earliest opportunity. Extending his right hand, he gave the absolution and every man, Catholic and non-Catholic, knelt as the words left his holy lips. Who can tell the comfort and hope which entered the hearts of some of those men who so shortly after felt the piercing balls and the darkness which comes before the everlasting light.

Father Corby was a holy and devout priest who embraced every opportunity of refreshing his soul with prayer. During the marches he would ride along, one hand on the bridle, the other busy with his rosary. There are enough beautiful little stories in connection with his soldier life, to fill a book. If I am not mistaken "the Absolution" at Gettysburg is the only one in the history of the United States given under similar circumstances.

On returning from the war in 1865, he was made President of the University of Notre Dame. In 1872 the Sacred Heart College of Watertown, Wis. being in its early days, Father Corby was transferred there and took charge of affairs until 1877 when he again returned to Notre Dame. In 1879 his clear brain and brave heart were needed for, on the twenty-third of April, the College building with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. Father Corby's devotedness and energy were manifested in the hour of trial, for by the beginning of the next scholastic year the present main building of the University was ready for the reception of students. He remained President until 1881 when he became Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

To know him was to cherish and revere him. Even those who were not fortunate enough to know him admired him, for his name has become a household word, and his "foot-prints in the sands of time" will guide many wayfarers. Were it not for human weakness we should rejoice that at last he is with God our Father who took into His tender embrace *His* faithful loving servant, a holy man, a hero, and our friend.

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