

It Begins Tomorrow.

The Novena for a Happy Marriage calls your attention to the fact that God instituted this holy Sacrament and blesses the sacramental union, and that God should be brought into your courtship if it is to be wise, pure, and happy. St. Joseph was the head of the model of all Christian families, and during the nine days preceding his feast you should invoke him as the patron of your courtship and of your later married life.

Receive Holy Communion for this intention during the next nine days and recite the Litany of St. Joseph every day. Ponder well the considerations that will be laid before you on the Bulletin; and if you need a set of Bulletins to send to the girl, you may have them.

Prayers.

The Grinager brothers write that their mother is still alive, but suffering intensely. They have great confidence in your prayers. Raymond Fitzgerald, of Howard Hall, asks for prayers for his brother who died quite suddenly. Father Crumley wishes to thank you for the prayers you have offered for his sister, and to urge you to continue. Although her physicians offer scarcely any hope for her recovery, she has pinned her faith to Our Lady of Lourdes and is confident of a miraculous cure. Keep this in mind when you visit the Grotto. Five other sick persons are recommended to your prayers. Sister Austina, of St. Joseph's Hospital, asks prayers for her sister who died yesterday in Ireland.

Van Wallace.

A letter from Van Wallace to one of his friends at Notre Dame last week gave news of continued though slow improvement. Three letters have come from Father Brooks during the past month to tell us that he and his converts are praying hard for him.

A Survey is Coming.

The questionnaire for this year's Religious Survey is in process of compilation at the present time, and will probably be ready for distribution before the end of the week. It is about ten days late this year. Make up for this lost time by sending in your returns with a minimum of delay.

Is the Survey worth while? If you don't think so after reading the recent report, read the article in the March "Ecclesiastical Review," Collegiate Candles and Public Bushels. This article is a very frank statement of the strong and weak points of Catholic education, and it points to the Survey as the solution of our problems.

The Sorin Chapel.

Another distinct improvement in this popular chapel is noticeable since Saturday, when the additions to the old altar were completed. Another altar, to harmonize with the main altar, will be installed shortly.

Lenten Reading.

More than a thousand pamphlets were provided for Lenten reading at the beginning of the season. Many of these are still in the racks -- basement and Sorin Hall. Most of those who have taken one Lenten pamphlet have taken three or four. A great many students have done no Lenten reading. Our Lord referred to them when He gave the parable of the five foolish virgins who had no oil in their lamps. Unless your head keeps ahead of your heart and guides its devotion, you will suffer the results in spiritual stagnation. Get a crucifix and a pamphlet on the Passion, and meditate a bit for the rest of Lent.