

Religious Bulletin.
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Whatever This Means.

"Dear Father: I now see the paternal in the occasional da-daism of the Religious Bulletin. 'There's Something in It' in the Scholastic put me wise. Thank, Father. -- C. J. B."

Raspberries.

An infuriated correspondent who signs himself "Raga" claims the distinction of having been the sole target of last Saturday's Bulletin. The poor boy has never had the pleasure of sitting by and watching the readers blush. (Why they blush no one knows -- unless it is because they have so much self-respect that they will not admit certain things even to themselves.)

\$5.00 Reward.

(Put the dollar sign in, Tommy. It will attract the Engineers.)

A handsome five dollar gold piece will be rewarded the student who presents a new case to the Prefect of Religion -- something spick and span. The old stuff palls. It gets by only because the reader feels that he is the only mortal who has ever felt the primitive emotions.

The Pursuit of Happiness.

You will remember that when Mr. Smith quoted our inalienable rights, he spoke not of happiness but of the pursuit of happiness. The attainment does not come in this life. Some measure of it comes. Where? Interview the happiest people you know. Find out how they got that way. You will find lots of it along the following paths.

1. Voluntary sacrifice and self-denial;
2. Patient acceptance of adversities;
3. Service of your neighbor;
4. Love of God (which includes these three).

The pursuit of happiness is your inalienable right. Don't be weighted down by a lot of junk -- sins and thelike. Read Book II, Chapter 12, in "The Following of Christ".

The Value of Adversity.

You can make no spiritual progress without adversity, and unless you are making progress you are slipping back. You can't stand still in the spiritual life. If you have no serious temptations and no troubles to amount to anything, look out! The boxer gets flabby if he does not exercise. Take up practices of mortification, wear a hair-shirt, fast on bread and water! "Watch ye and pray, for you know not the day nor the hour."

Warning.

If you wait until tomorrow morning for confession, you may get cheated.