

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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From Saul to Paul.

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. You will remember that he was a persecutor of the Christians. He was on his way to Damascus, straining at the bit to let loose his hatred of the followers of Christ, when he was stricken to the ground and enveloped in a great light. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" "What wouldst thou have me do, Lord," was his ready question when he understood what had happened to him. On being baptized he received the name, Paul.

Paul.....Apostle.

For over 25 years he preached Christ and Him crucified. There were no half measures for Paul. What he did he did intensely. Wherever he saw evil he was relentless in uprooting it. He gave hard knocks but he also knew how to be kind without being soft. He longs to die so as to with Christ but is content to live so that he may make Christ better known and better loved.

Paul...A Letter Writer.

Especially since the war we have seen the publication of endless memoirs, reminiscences, etc., some of value, others worthless. The memoirs of St. Paul are of infinite worth, both literary and spiritual. They were written to the people, bishops, etc., in the various places he had worked. They contain history, doctrine, poetry, and even high adventure. Read, for instance, the 11th chapter of his second Epistle to the Corinthians if you want a thrill that will be deep and long. Better still commit it to memory. He was the greatest egoist that ever lived but it was the ego of the divine fire of the love of God. "By the grace of God," he cries, "I am what I am and I rejoice that His grace hath not been void in me."

Paul...and The College Man.

Paul has a special appeal to the College man. He was a good mixer, a good fighter and a good loser. He first of all revered sacred institutions, defended them and extended them. He has a solution for every problem that the College man is likely to meet. You will particularly enjoy what we may reverently term his good sportsmanship. For this reason he was able to say at the end of his life:- "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. As for the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord the first judge will render to me in that day."

Church Unity Octave.

Tomorrow closes the prayers of the Church Unity Octave, the prayers for the reunion of Christendom under one fold and one shepherd. If you have failed to join in these prayers be sure to offer your Holy Communion for this intention tomorrow.

Jimmy Crowley...Needs Prayers.

You brought him back to his mother. Now persist in your appeals to bring him back to Notre Dame. Mr. Wallace, father of Van, for whom you did so much at Christmas, asks a continuance of your intercession that a coming operation may be successful. Three persons write in special intentions.

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