

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.
March 10, 1925.

Badin's Pledge.

"Dear Father:

Badin Hall, resentful of many things, wishes to prove that someone must have been mistaken. It is an old proverb that figures do not lie.

"Badin Hall pledges to Van Wallace:

Communions.....	472
Masses to be heard....	295
Way of the Cross.....	81
Lenten Sacrifices.....	51
Prayers.....	319
Rosaries.....	116
Novena.....	10
Visits.....	20
Spiritual Communions,..	4

"To correct another misunderstanding we wish to say that this bouquet is not from the twenty-five, not from the One Hundred and Twenty-five, but from the

"One Hundred and Fifty."

Dear 150: If Johnnie Dugan signed up for the Way of the Cross we'll call it quits.

Corby Also Has a 150.

Dear Perfect Fool: You have been strangely silent since the letter was sent to you last week through the Corby Hall Post Office. If you didn't get it some one of the other 150 in the hall must have taken it to himself. (P.S. the fellow who got it was good enough to accept the invitation.)

Prayers.

Charles O'Connell, junior in Architecture, has had to leave school on account of his health. Earnest prayer will bring him back to us next fall better than ever. Please don't forget.

Prof. Yturbe, of the Summer School, died a few days ago in Washington. He was a wonderful Catholic, and the kind of a cultured gentleman you read about in the old romantic novels. Grandson of the Emperor of Mexico, and direct heir to the throne, he lived in exile, but never forget his affection for his country. His learning, zeal and devotion made him a great source of edification to the Summer School. Please remember him in your prayers for the good of his soul and the consolation of his widow, John Doran, of Corby Hall, asks prayers for his mother, who has suffered an accidental injury.

The Vow of Chastity as a Preparation for Marriage.

In yesterday's Bulletin the vow of chastity was suggested as a preparation for marriage. The suggestion was made seriously, and it is urged conscientiously as an act of the virtue of religion most pleasing to God and most efficacious in attaining its end, namely, the elevation of the ideal of marriage to its lofty Christian plane. A vow is a promise of some good made to God for a good end. It binds under pain of mortal or venial sin according as the matter is light or grave. It can be made only with the permission of one's confessor; and a private vow, such as the one suggested, can be dispensed by one's confessor if it seems too difficult to keep. It increased the merit of obedience to the law. It should not be made without sufficient experience to justify the belief that it can be kept, and at first it should be made for short periods only, a month, three months, six months or a year at the most. It can be renewed at its expiration if this seems advisable to both confessor and penitent.

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