

THE RELIGIOUS SURVEY.

The distribution of questionnaires for the 1925 Religious Survey begins today in the Religion classes. The blanks are to be returned through the boxes on the campus or through the mail. Last year 712 questionnaires were returned. Last year's report is now in the press and will be published within the next three weeks. The returns this year might be made 1000.

If you have any questions about the questions, send them in to the Bulletin for answer. There are some twenty-five new questions this year, suggested by students on last year's questionnaires. There was an insistent demand last year for point-blank questions on the girls and on character. The demand has been met, as you will see by the questionnaire.

Seek Counsel.

The fourth point suggested in the remote preparation for marriage is counsel. It is far better, especially for a Catholic, for whom a marriage is a life contract, to seek counsel before marriage than to retain counsel after marriage. And remember that you may have to seek it: those best able to give it are frequently so well experienced with the insanity of infatuation that they regard the volunteering of counsel as the suicide of friendship. Those best able to give are those who know marriage, those who know you, and those who know the girl. Line them up thus:

1. Your father. You may feel that he doesn't know you and that he isn't up with the times. It is well for you to have the counsel of someone who isn't up with the times, and he knows a lot about marriage. He knows enough to have made you the success that you feel you are. For once in your life take him into your confidence, even if he is self-conscious about it. He knew enough to pick a good mother for you.

2. Your mother. An old lady stopped a young missionary one time after his sermon on marriage, and said to him: "Father, I wish I knew as little about marriage as you do." If your father knows a lot about marriage, your mother knows ten times more, because while the father finds distraction in business the mother stays at home and makes the home. And it takes a woman to size up a woman. Introduce the girl to your mother, and if she says "Thumbs down", let it be "thumbs down." Maybe you will live to learn by what intuition she picked the flaw; but for the time being take it on faith. And go over your expense account with your mother. She knows how much it ought to cost to win a good wife, and how much to make a home. Seventy-five per-cent of the students at Notre Dame are here because their mothers managed the household budget and made it cover their education.

3. Your confessor. All kidding aside, he knows more about marriage than a man who has had five wives. Such a man knows five things that wreck marriage: the priest knows a hundred or a thousand. Sooner or later they come to the priest; better make it sooner.

4. Your pal. His eyes are your eyes, but when your heart is swayed with emotion, his is free. Lots of friendships are broken when a pal tries to ward off a mistake. Make him give you his judgment, and believe him, even though it costs you the girl.

5. Her kid brother. Win his confidence. You can learn more about her disposition from five minutes with him than you can in five years of courtship.

Easter Duty.

St. Joseph's Day, March 19, next Thursday, has been chosen for the Easter Duty this year. While you may fulfill your precept any time before Trinity Sunday, it is customary to set aside a day for a general Communion for this purpose.