

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

March 30, 1925.

Not Meaning to Insinuate Anything.

"Dear Father:

Just a note on the perfidity of our ignorant eastern (presumably from Massachusetts because he shows the Bay State arrogance) in regard to his impertinent letter. In the first place he has not seen the West. Indiana is not West--you have to go to the other side of Indiana to see the real God's Country. He probably thought that he would see a tribe of Sioux Indians running around slaughtering the whites. It must have been a terrible disappointment to him.

"The K.K.K. is unknown in the real West--and we have men there too: take Dever of Chicago and Walsh of Montana. Smith was made by Tammany Hall while the two Westerners are self-made men--and a good job too. Tell the gentleman (most likely English) that he is welcome to Ohio in his statistics as we true cowpunchers disown her. Ohio and Indiana are the center of the Ku Klux Klan organizations, and neither state knows enough to ignore the Klan. (For reference, see Niles, Ohio.)

"Yes indeed the East is hospitable. Very nice people! They will give you a lodging for the night and then cut your throat for your underwear.

"Fresh 28."

The South is as Bad as the West.

Section returns of questionnaires to date are as follows:

Midwest.....	238
East.....	164
South.....	27
West.....	25
Foreign.....	4
Southwest.....	4
Southeast.....	1
Not identified.....	7
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Speaking of God's Country"...

Freddie, the Senegambian jack-of-all-trade on the Pasadena Special, took a good look at Texas as it crawled by for twenty-four hours. Somebody told him it was 'God's country'. Freddie grinned: "Somebody's got to own it."

Spiritual Advice.

"A number of students have stated on their questionnaires that they would like to receive advice outside of confession, but that they have not sought it either because they are timid or because they do not know where to go for it. The regular confessors and Father Irving have volunteered for this work, and any other priest will be glad to help all who apply. Any student who is too timid to talk confidentially to a priest will not get very far in the world: he is out place in college if he is unwilling to overcome timidity. --Matters of conscience need not be brought into discussion at all: there are plenty of other spiritual problems that need attention.)

"I am Losing a One-Sided Battle."

With God on your side you never need lose. Give Him a chance to help.

"Heavier Penances Should be Given."

Ask for them if you want them; they are a good thing: they have more satisfying power than voluntary penance; but they keep lots of people away, so confessors lighten them when they can.

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