

## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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### Where are the Questionnaires?

The number of questionnaires returned is disappointing. Has illiteracy anything to do with failure to return? Here are the percentages for different sections of the country as determined by the 1910 census:

New England.....	5.3
Middle Atlantic.....	5.7
East North Central.....	3.4
West North Central.....	2.9
South Atlantic.....	16.0
East South Central.....	17.4
West South Central.....	13.2
Mountain.....	6.9
Pacific.....	3.0
Northern States.....	4.3
Southern States.....	15.6
Western States.....	4.4

### The Novena for Perseverance.

There is every reason in the world why the season after Lent should be turned over to the consideration of perseverance. Summer vacation lies ahead---the world for seniors; Lent has tried you and you have been found wanting in some respect or others; the third quarter reaches the peak in academic activity, and shows you what you can do, and the fourth quarter offers little enough time for correction of mistakes and for the settling process in fixing good habits.

The following classes of students need this Novena:

1. Those whose temptations are many and strong. They should realize there is never an armistice with the devil;
2. Those whose temptations are few and weak. They must take the word of wisdom that if the devil can lull them into a false sense of security, they will become an easy prey. They know that lack of exercise makes flabby muscles; they should translate this experience into their spiritual life;
3. Those who have made a botch of Lent. If God lengthens their opportunity for penance, they should not turn the time from penance to sin and exhaust God's mercy. "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings", found at the pamphlet rack, will give such students plenty of reason for making the Novena;
4. Those who have failed under vacation temptations. Only the quitter turns such failure into defeat and throws down his arms;
5. Very especially those who are worried about their loss of fervor through daily Communion. The Novena will be to St. Joseph, the daily companion of Our Blessed Lord, the model of perseverance and patron of a happy death, who had the inestimable privilege of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

### How to Make the Novena.

The Novena for Perseverance will begin on Monday, April 20, and end on Tuesday, April 28, the day Before the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph. On these nine days receive Holy Communion every day and recite the Litany of St. Joseph.

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Send in the Girl's Answers.

A student writes that his girl has answered the questionnaire in a satisfactory manner. Send it in if it is satisfactory. Let's see what ideas, if any, the girl have in their heads.

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