

April 30, 1925.

Getting Ready for Mothers' Day.

May 10 is Mothers' Day, a beautiful American institution. Perhaps the idea originated with the florists or with the Western Union, but it is a good one just the same---and we have learned to improve on the original idea. At Notre Dame we make it a point to tell our mothers on that day that we are proud of them and that we have asked God to be good to them. For this purpose we send them a spiritual bouquet containing the following flowers:

A Novena to the Blessed Virgin.
 Masses said.....
 Masses heard.....
 Holy Communions.....
 Spiritual Communions.....
 Rosaries.....
 Aspirations.....
 Visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
 Visits to the Grotto.....
 Mortifications.....

Look over this list, decide what figures you want to write in the blank spaces, and get busy! You have ten days in which to do what you will for your mother.

May Devotions Tonight.

The Very Rev. Provincial will preach tonight at the opening of the May devotions. These services will be continued on the Wednesday nights during the month. They are a special tribute of gratitude on the part of the University for all the favors received through the intercession of the Mother of God.

Hannis Taylor, of Washington, a famous international lawyer who died a few years ago used to say that May devotions made him a Catholic. A native of Mobile, he was a great friend of Father Abram Ryan, the "poet-priest of the South", and often used to go to church to hear Father Ryan preach. It was on one of these occasions, at May devotions, that he met the future Mrs. Taylor.

Situated as we are at Notre Dame there is not much chance of your meeting your future bride at May devotions here, but it is at May devotions that you will kindle and freshen your love of the Mother of God, and through that love you will learn what ideals to expect of the future mother of your children. If you are devoted to the Mother of God, you will expect the same devotion in the girl you marry; and any girl who takes the Blessed Virgin as her ideal has the first requisite for your future happiness.

Prayers.

Prof. Charles Philips requests prayers for the repose of the soul of his aunt, Mrs. Ann Philips Meade, who died April 27. The Prefect of Religion asks a prayerful remembrance of a friend who died this week. Three students ask prayers for relatives who are sick, and five for special intentions.

The Bulletins on Perseverance.

For the past ten days the Bulletin has been perfectly decent---and has not been read. The matter of the series is perhaps the most important matter that has been laid before the students this year. A few sets of these "bulletins" are still available for distribution (those who have only the first six should return for the others). They should be printed in pamphlet form, but there is a material obstacle in the way of this: the printing would cost about \$150, and the Prefect of Religion has only \$25 in the treasury to meet an outstanding indebtedness of \$385. What can be done about it?

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