

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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Prayers.

Five students ask prayers for relatives who are sick, four for deceased relatives and friends, five for special intentions, and two for conversions.

The Pentecost Novena.

The Novena to the Holy Ghost has already been fruitful of results. If you have not yet placed the names of your friends on the altar, do so today. Leave them in a sealed envelope in the basket in the rear of the basement chapel.

A Word to Correspondents.

There are certain limits to the scope of the Bulletin, although some correspondents do not seem to think so. Matters relating to the administration of St. Mary's, for instance can be answered satisfactorily only by the officials of that institution, and they are certainly none of the business of the Prefect of Religion. Matters relating to local discipline, likewise, lie outside the scope of the Bulletin when they have no bearing on vice or virtue or the aids to virtue. Letters of personal abuse look better in the wastebasket of the writer than on the desk of the Prefect of Religion; and for many reasons they are better unmailed. The Bulletin encourages anonymous correspondence only for matters of conscience and facts closely allied thereto; the use of the anonymous letter for other purposes may become a dangerous habit that will land you in jail if you try it on one of the many mortals who lack a sense of honor. The Bulletin is always signed.

Only Twelve More Days.

Twelve days remain for making the Easter Purity. There have been so many beautiful things in a religious way at Notre Dame this year that it would be a shame to have anyone fall away from the Church now. Pray for the slackers. That's all they need as a rule--- the grace of God to enable them to make a good confession.

From the Survey.

I.

"Notre Dame has practically influenced me, with my weak self, to become a heathen."

Why? Plenty of fellows worse off than you have taken up spiritual direction and made men of themselves. Scruples are a disease, and you can't get rid of them doctoring yourself. Look up a specialist; be a man.

II.

"I was working on one fellow to make him a daily Communicant, but I believe the editor of the Bulletin beat me to it."

You'll get the credit. There is an old Irish expression, "Fill up the top of the cup the bottom will take care of itself." The Bulletin tops off many a case, but the man who did the work on the bottom gets his credit with God.

III.

"I failed to live up to the Notre Dame ideal in that I do not wear the pre-osterous clothing of the so-called he-man. Why does Notre Dame seem to regard the he-man predicament as a mark of distinction? Does this not have an effect on the idea of a non-Catholic has of our Catholic school?"

Will a he-man please answer the gentleman's question?

IV.

On the Lady-like wife: "This type is scarce, but one roagineck under a single roof is enough."

John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.
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