
The Price You Pay for the Modern Girl.

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The following communications were received a few days ago:

"The price paid for the modern girl? How about the temptations?

"(1) There is so little about an otherwise dull life that what is a fellow to do if he cannot find enough to satisfy his interests and desires? (2) Is he to squelch them and admit that he hasn't the courage to do what seems to befit him most? (3) Surely he has to have experience to avoid the pitfalls. Of two students, one knows the modern girl and her wiles, and the other who stays away from any action that might bring him in actual contact with sex life, who is the better able to steer clear? The latter will be fooled by some wise "mama" who knows men and boys. She will rope him in if he gives her half a chance. The former will be wise enough to tell her to beat it, while the latter boy will probably yield without much resistance.

Surely it is a dilemma, and instead of the modern talks to boys that are always alike, why not some answers to such problems as this. Inquire earnestly, and it is darn hard for a fellow to keep clean at times when he is tempted -- and not because of drink either. I know many fellows who have fallen, because it was so much easier - and even I admit that I am sometimes puzzled. (4) Points of view change easily and quickly, and I am afraid that my point of view is that it will be better for me to banish my ignorance on certain aspects of life. Would a man be damned if he followed his convictions, believing it for his own good?

-- Amitaf."

1. In the last Religious Survey you will find listed forty-one favorite diversions of students, only seven of which contain elements of moral danger. You have had several Bulletins on reading, and you had one recently on walking to Niles. You came to Notre Dame for an education, didn't you? Get it.

2. The overwhelming evidence of your school-mates is that daily Communion lessens inclination to sin. When one follows it up with meditation, good reading, mortification and charity he will keep his purpose of amendment and avoid the occasions of sin. Read the leaflet, "Temptation is not Sin." Daily Communion was given by the divinely inspired Pius X to take care of the temptations of this age.

3. Have you ever had a good talk with your mother about the dangers of courtship? Women know women, and a wise mother can tell you more in an hour than you can learn for yourself in years. Read "You and Yours". Conduct yourself according to the principles there laid down, and follow the instructions given for the selection of a wife. And have you forgotten that God will answer your prayers for a good wife and that He will protect those who trust in Him? It isn't often that an innocent boob gets trapped into marriage by a profligate woman; it often happens that a rake is.

4. God gave us the Ten Commandments; He settled the matter. There is no such a thing as independent morality; there is plenty of pagan independent immorality.

You Don't Know the Half of It, Dearie.

"Dear Father: Please don't mention that parents of the students in comparison with wild men and women as it only lowers our judgment of your character.

"Please answer this letter on the Bulletin. -- A Student."