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Don't Disgrace Him.

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You can still start your Novena for your father tomorrow and send him the spiritual bouquet with a clean conscience. Like as not you've given him a lot of worry in your short life, and for once you can give him some joy. If people see that you neglect them they may conclude that he doesn't rate so high in your estimation. Don't disgrace him.

Prayers.

Fr. Healey asks prayers for a relative who is suffering from cancer. Leo Schneider's sister died Sunday. The father of Louis and Edward Watson, old students, died recently. Father Bolger's mother died Saturday.

Questions from the Questionnaire.

57. Please discuss the old question of St. Mary's and Notre Dame. I don't think you meant what you said the last time. You had to say it because you are Prefect of Religion.

Ans. Applesauce.

58. What is the purpose behind these questions?

Ans. Read the introduction to the recent Survey.

59. Would you advise a fellow under any circumstances to marry a girl who drinks etc.?

Ans. If she were the last woman on earth and he felt that he had to get married.

60. Why isn't a man's love for a woman greater than his love for his faith?

Ans. Sometimes, unfortunately, it is. But, "what shall it profit a man.....?"

61. Why don't all campus students receive Holy Communion daily?

Ans. Because they can't think big thoughts till death gets them by the neck.

62. How may I give up my own ideas for better ones and still be satisfied?

Ans. By letting reason rule your appetites, as God intended. Try it once; you'll be surprised.

63. Do you think Notre Dame has a rep only for football?

Ans. Don't be silly. Get away from the pool rooms and mingle with intelligent people for a while. YOU'll soon find how Notre Dame rates.

64. Why does the Church permit one who has married an unbaptized person to remarry?

Ans. It doesn't, if a dispensation was granted for the first marriage and it was performed by a priest. Any invalid marriage can be declared null if the fact is proved.

65. What is allowable in the modern girl, and what isn't?

Ans. 1) Virtue and the aids to virtue; 2) Sin and what leads to sin.

66. How can I convince an atheist?

Ans. You can't, if he doesn't want to be convinced. Prayer is your best bet.

67. What is wrong with modern Catholic fiction?

Ans. 1) The taste of the Catholic reading public; 2) The call of money-making that leads potential Catholic writers away from the solid education that would develop their talents.

68. How should one act with a good girl?

Ans. Have you no mother?

69. Should a moral degenerate expect a decent wife?

Ans. He courts Death.