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Announcements.

Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde is announced for the benefit show in Washington Hall tonight. Students whose fathers are deceased should send the Spiritual Bouquet to their mother. Anthony Krause asks prayers for his sister, who died last week. Tom Waters, a graduate of Notre Dame, and brother of John, a student this year, died yesterday. Another deceased person and three sick persons are recommended to your prayers.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

71. How may one develop self-confidence?

Ans. By the Morning Offering. If you do your work for the love of God you will not do it shabbily, and you will think more of God than of yourself. Success and failure are equal in the eyes of God if you have done your best; less nervous worry about success will give you better results.

72. Is discipline really a benefit in the end?

Ans. If we had more of it we would not suffer from crime waves as we do. Parents have abdicated authority in this country; consequently, children reject all authority. Even faith is weak because people reject the authority of the Church. The United States Army believes in discipline. It is a long time since Thomas a Kempis said: "He cannot command who has not well learned to obey." Unquestioning obedience develops unhesitating command.

73. Where can I find competent Catholic authority on married life?

Ans. Gerrard, Marriage and Parenthood. Read it the month before you get married. If you are normal you have plenty of other things to think about now.

74. Is there a direct and logical proof that there is a God? If so, what is it?

Ans. There are several convincing proofs. Sheehan, Apologetics Part I, gives a brief but adequate statement of the proofs from 1) the Laws of Nature; 2) the universal belief of mankind; 3) the origin of mind; 4) contingency. Even Spencer thinks far enough to attribute the universe to "an infinite, eternal energy from which all things proceed the Ultimate Reality transcending human thought..... unknown and unknowable." He knows quite a bit about the unknowable. His mind would have given him more if he had left it open; and he had many serious pangs of conscience about the matter before he died.

75. Why is question 34 asked?

Ans. Because the world is full of darned fools who don't think till it's too late.

76. What is the purpose of questions 48 and 49?

Ans. Prof. Wm. Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, has written books on the subject, and he suggested the questions to find out your views. For his own benefit, he wanted to make use of the frankness which the Survey has built up in Notre Dame students.

78. Were the clergy of the Middle Ages really priests when they violated their vows?

Ans. Certainly. Although we expect a degree of sanctity in a priest we may not find it. Our Lord obeyed Caiaphas in His unjust trial, although there was never a more worthy priest.

79. What is the quickest, surest and best way to overcome scruples?

Ans. Absolute submission to a spiritual director. They may not yield; a physician may have to be consulted; they may be a cross which God wants you to bear for some purpose. But unquestioning obedience to a spiritual director is absolutely essential to success.

80. Does the Church still sell indulgences? Who was the first to grant them?

Ans. Do you still beat your mother? Read the pamphlet, "Indulgences For Sale; Enquire Within." You will find it in the Sorin Hall rack. Our Lord granted an indulgence to the Good Thief on the Cross.

81. Is study everything in college? Which is better, study or associations?

Ans. You can't have the associations for long unless you study.