

Spiritual Flowers.

Flowers fade and candy vanishes. The spiritual flowers you give your mother remain in her heart in graces. Start a Novena now and finish it a week from tomorrow, and give your mother a bit of real consolation on Mothers' Day. The cards are going fast -- at the Book Store, Candy Store, and News Stand.

Questions.

90. Please give a remedy for a person whose ideals last about two weeks.

Ans. 1. See a spiritual director; 2. Make a general confession; 3. Carry out, to the best of your ability, the suggestions given in Perseverance. Moral courage is developed by doing courageous things.

91. Shouldn't Notre Dame have a better system of making fellows study?

Ans. The probation system is doing something. There were 520^{on} probation in November; in February, 45 were dropped and about the same number beat the gun, while the rest picked up; in April some 40 more were dropped. The general tone of scholarship has improved considerably since November. If you want supervised study, go to a small school where it can be carried out effectively.

92. I have searched through the Bible and can't find any place where it commands that neckties are to be worn in church.

Ans. Most people don't have to be told to dress becomingly when they enter the presence of God. You must not have read the Bible attentively or you would have observed in the first few pages of the Book that Adam hid himself from God when he was not decently attired.

93. Why do we love God because we fear hell, and not with real love?

Ans. Because the material side of our nature makes us very selfish, and we have to rise slowly, and with many falls of selfishness, to a real appreciation of God's goodness.

94. Are we allowed to Read the Three Musketeers? Why did they abolish conditional exam

Ans. 1. No. 2. Don't know, but it was a good thing.

95. How can one overcome rotten thoughts?

Ans. 1. Practice daily Communion; 2. Keep busy, and take plenty of exercise; 3. Do some spiritual reading, which will furnish material for good thoughts as substitutes; 4. Say an aspiration or make the sign of the Cross, at least with the thumb on the forehead or heart, when a thought arises. Read Temptation is Not Sin.

96. Can a fellow marry a third cousin? What determines degrees of kindred?

Ans. 1. Only by dispensation for a good reason. 2. The number of individuals from yourselves back to the common ancestor, less one. Thus, if you have a great-grandfather in common, you are third degree; if your great-grandfather is her grandfather, you are third mixed with second.

97. What is to be done when you like a girl very much and your parents object?

Ans. A freshman in that fix should leave school and establish his economic independence so that he is no longer subject to the wishes of his parents. And then there is the other solution: get so busy with your books that you forget about the girl.

98. Why are we not given both sides of history instead of only the Catholic viewpoint?

Ans. Some high school prof goofed you. There is only one side to truth. If you want the lies you will find a goodly collection of them in Parsons, Some Lies and Errors of History. But learn to appreciate the truth now that you have it.

PRAYERS: The father of Fathers Louis and John Kelly is ill; so is a relative of Eugen Kelly.