

Service Class:
Mass for Mr. Soreb
Fri., 6:30, Sorin

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Why Did You Break Your Novena For The Poor?

Several hundred of you did; more hundreds, thank God, did not. If you did, ask yourself what seemed more important to you than the Novena for the Poor. If you have lost the power to blush, go down on your knees and ask to have it restored. (It's a waning faculty, of course, but decency demands the power to blush, and we must not lose it entirely - for civilization's sake.)

Now About A Little Study?

Of course we know that your education doesn't come from the books, "it's the contacts that count," and all that, but we want to remind you at this point that the contacts are due for a shock if you don't know 70% of what the books have to say. The N.D.-H.W. shouting is all over now, and the midsemester tests are just seven days closer than they were a week ago - and the dizzy week-end hasn't helped your power of concentration.

What The Heck Is A Conscience?

Lack of space forced us to omit one or two lines from Mrs. Catherine Maltby Blaisdell's disquisition on What a Baby Should Know, quoted in yesterday's Bulletin. Here is a precious sentence that was omitted:

"One might jeopardize the whole future happiness of a child by telling him that he is accountable to God for what he does and not to his own conscience."

But what, pray, is a conscience? We have caught Columbia University in the act of telling us that it is only a "bundle of fears," or a "composite racial memory of primitive taboos." Has it developed from a set of associated sensitive impressions into something spiritual to which one must give an accounting? If Columbia University has been able to evolve spirit from matter, what more may we hope for? Will Columbia yet evolve a God?

The Female Blockhead.

Comparing the tuberculosis death rates of boys and girls in Illinois, Dr. J. Howard Beard, Health Officer at the University of Illinois, says in a recent report:

"Although during the last decade the death rates have been higher for males than females, the decrease has been greater among the former than the latter. Tuberculosis is on the increase in girls in the 'teen age. In Illinois, the mortality rate of girls from 15 to 19 years is 64% higher than that of boys of the same age.

"This increase is due to starving, style, and speed - which decrease bodily resistance. Warned against stoutness by advertisements, inspired to become a sylph by paragraph and picture, and urged to reach for a cigarette instead of a sweet, some girls take too little food for growth, tissue repair, activity, and warmth. Their insufficient clothing lowers bodily temperature, too much social activity saps vitality, and an obsession to be petite makes conditions favorable for the bacilli to multiply; tuberculosis develops and a once-healthy girl starts for the sanatorium. Disease is the bonus received when vigor and strength are exchanged for fads, fashion, and frolic." -- Student Health Conditions, a paper read before the Illinois State Academy of Science; March, 1931.

PRAYERS: Paul O'Toole's uncle died yesterday. Kelly Bell's father has been ill for a long time. An uncle of Geo. Seelinger died recently. A wire from Lucian Kempf tells us that it was not his mother but a friend's mother who died. A student asks prayers for a sick relative. By request of the New Jersey Club there will be a Mass in the church at 6:35 tomorrow for the repose of the soul of Dick Bohnsack's father. Sister M. Dominica, '28, is quite ill. A brother of Dave Rusk, '31, died this morning.