

Continue prayers for
Ed Kirby. He is
slightly improved.

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Random Thoughts.

An American once said to a European, "Apparently you do not trust your women since you do not permit them to go out unchaperoned." The European smiled politely and replied, "My dear sir, we have every confidence in our wives and daughters. It is human nature we do not trust."

That answer was a very serious and a very true one. The first man was a rebel and the second, a murderer. If anyone believes he can go through this old world and keep his robes unspotted, without making a struggle, he is in grave error.

A student who develops the "I-can-take-care-of-myself" attitude, "who thinks he can stay away from God and run on his own, is sure to crash. The very qualities for his protection--humility, a realization of his own weakness, confidence in God's help--are lacking. "Without Me you can do nothing" is not figurative language,

David was probably the holiest man that ever lived; Solomon, the wisest; and Sampson, the strongest. They were all led astray. Are you holier than David? Stronger than Sampson? Wiser than Solomon? Since the day when Eve ate the apple and handed the core to Adam, almost any woman can make a fool out of any man almost any time--if the man trusts wholly in his own strength.

One of the things a boy should ask himself when he goes to Confession is, "Am I trying to keep out of the occasions of sin?" If a particular person, a particular place, or a particular thing has led a person into sin in the past, he ought to avoid it in the future. If he doesn't, the chances are that he will fall again.

One ought to see that his purpose of amendment is practical. It is not enough to say at time of Confession, "I will be good in the future." General resolutions are not sufficient.

Make a very definite and very particular resolution. Suppose a student has acquired the habit of cursing. He should find out under just which conditions he yields to this fault. Then he should make his resolution to cover the particular time and place and mood that bring his downfall.

How long do you think a student would continue to curse if every time he found himself falling into the sin he should leave what he was doing and make a visit to the big church?

Not very long you say! That visit would be a great inconvenience, and the very inconvenience would drive home the seriousness of the fault and make him consider it. Think it over.

For Mexico.

You will remember that last October, at Father O'Hara's request we made a novena of prayer and adoration for the Church in Mexico. Now you are asked by the President of the Sodality of Our Lady at St. Mary's, to join with them in a triduum of Masses, Holy Communion and rosaries for the same intention. The triduum at St. Mary's started February 25 and ends on the 27th. Begin yours tomorrow and end on the 28th. (Read in the papers this morning's news dispatch from Mexico for incentive.)

PRAYERS: Deceased, brother of Fr. Scandlon, C.S.C.; aunt of Harry (Howard) and Paul (Freshman) Rich. Ill, Father Fogarty; Joe Sullivan (St. Ed's.); uncle of Dick Hyde (Walsh); friend of a student. One thanksgiving. Four special intentions.