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Ho, Ho, The Second Mission.

For whom? For ALL students who did not make the first mission. When? Starts next Sunday night, September 26, and ends on Saturday morning, October 2. Who will give it? Father William Burke, C.S.C., Holy Cross missionary. The program?

Sunday night, 7:30 p.m., Sermon and Benediction;
Monday to Friday--6:30 a.m., Mass and Instruction;
7:30 p.m., Sermon and Benediction;
Saturday morning, 6:30 a.m., Mass and Papal Blessing.

Ask Elmer Layden.

Great blocking and tackling are the hard, indispensable fundamentals in the upbuilding of a great football team. Four-deep, la-de-da lines of languorous giants, speedy swivel-hipped backs reluctant to block and tackle--ask the Coach what they're worth.

They may look good in the movies; against hard-driving, spirited opposition they will fall to pieces in a quarter.

Life is much the same. We all want to do the easy things first and hope that almost by accident the hard things will take care of themselves. But they won't; and going ahead as if they will only leads to failure and disgrace.

"Do the hardest things first and do it to perfection." That motto should be hung up over every desk and work-bench and playground in the land, for it is the secret of success in any undertaking.

"Ah," you say, "I'm best at what I like to do." Is that true? You came here 'liking to study pre-medics. Just because of that liking do you find zoology and comparative anatomy and organic chemistry exactly to your taste?

You would like to become a great financier, or business executive. And because of that liking you are thrilled with all the intricacies of the accounting course. You would like to write well; how do you react to the corrective red pencil that disfigures your masterpiece?

Nearly always, becoming what you would like to be involves doing what you would like to avoid.

You will begin to like what you have begun to master. Power in any field of endeavor delights to function. Ask the expert speaker if he likes to talk, the marvelous golfer if he likes to play golf.

Think. What makes something "hard" to do? Is it not that you make it hard by trying to escape from it? Once you tackle it in earnest, at least it no longer is strange and unfamiliar. Going after it--not half-heartedly--removes your fear. You may not become master of it instantly but at least you master your fear, and gradually what you set out to accomplish you will master too. It is a psychological principle that we begin to like what we really work for.

"Do the hardest thing first and do it to perfection." Pick out your hardest studies for your first and best efforts of the day. Go after that fault that has been giving you the worst licking. Like Coach Layden, take care of the "hard" things first and everything will be easy.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mother of Charles M. Walsh, '27, (Ill) mother of Bill Murphy; Bob Murphy (Cav.); Mrs. Kate Curley and Miss Nellie Lynch, aunts of Geo. Wilson (Car.); Lando E. Howard, (serious accident).