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"There's No Such Thing."

"There's no such thing as a bad boy," said Spencer Tracy in the movie the other night - and we echo the same for Notre Dame.

Some may try hard by action or language to appear tough, stubborn or unapproachable, but they are really only trying to cover up a fear or discouragement or lack of confidence in themselves - or others.

There are two, fortunately, at Notre Dame who have never failed any boy. They, if given a chance, can bring out the best in even the most dejected or fearful - she who is at the Grotto and He Who is in the Tabernacle.

They never fail or "let down" any boy. They bear the burdens of the world and are ever ready to listen to one more and lift him up - with a courage divine.

Friday Is First Friday.

You have the privilege of making a half-hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Main Church in reparation to the Sacred Heart on First Friday.

Sign up for a period on the list on your hall bulletin boards so that we will know what periods are covered. There must always be two adorers.

At the pamphlet racks you will find small cards containing photographs of the face of Jesus as imprinted on the Holy Shroud preserved in Turin, Italy which tradition, even science, says is the Shroud in which He was wrapped after being taken down from the Cross.

The picture indicates the torture and anguish He underwent for us. Yet through the outraged and battered countenance there shines forth the humility, the strength, the majesty and also the love He had for us. Honor that love on First Friday.

You Can't Improve God's Laws.

Mrs. Sanger's Birth Control group, referred to yesterday, now advises larger families. It is one more illustration of the old fallacy of human beings who, in their pride, selfishness and short-sighted humanitarian motives, try to improve on God's law regarding marriage and sex. Marriage and sex are too important, too sacred to be governed or adjusted by any but their Creator, God. Trusting to human wisdom in these is like taking your new Cadillac or a Flying Fortress to the village blacksmith for instructions in their use or overhauling. For instructions and guidance in the use of marriage and sex, go to Him who was their Creator and of human nature also.

Mrs. Sanger has reversed herself like Russia did on her divorce laws. Russia, years ago, boasted that she had enlightened, liberal and easy divorce, fitted to modern life and conditions. For divorce no cause was needed, merely loss of love. She tried it for awhile until she found out by the painful trial—and—error method that it didn't work so well — or rather worked too well for human nature.

She found the following technique practised in millions of cases: A man married a strong healthy girl in the spring, whom he worked hard in the fields during spring and summer. Then in the autumn when they had brought in the crops, he dismissed and divorced her. Love was gone when the crops were in.

So Russia had to tighten her divorce laws considerably and you don't hear so much beasting about her easy and liberal divorce laws.

PRAYERS: Ill, mother of Brother Luke, C.S.C. Nine special intentions.