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Diary of A Notre Dame Student  
(Continued)

May 14

Much can happen in a month if a person makes use of his opportunities. Not having as many opportunities in a religious way at home as I have here I decided to make use of the last month in the development of more will power. As God does not usually help a person unless he helps himself, I have picked several ways to aid in the development of will power. Among these is the giving up daily of one kind of dessert which I like; however, today I was forced to eat a cookie because I didn't like it.

May 15

The Senior Ball takes place tonight. This occasion should be one which the members of the graduating class can look back upon as one of the happiest evenings in their college lives; and thanks to God it is such an occasion for most of them. But there are always a few poor fools who have worked hard throughout their four years, and then throw caution to the winds on this night. It is for these that my prayers were offered today.

May 16

This afternoon I cleaned the chapel and it is surprising how a chap can enjoy sweeping and dusting and other little things if he makes himself feel that it is God he is doing it for and not anyone else. It is a pity that the majority of people can't feel this way during life.'

May 17

The seniors and their girls undid all of my work in the chapel today; but I'll forgive them, for it happens only once during their lifetime. I hope they had brains enough to take advantage of the opportunity and do more than look the chapel over. If the girls were non-Catholics, this all the more reason for the boys to show their Catholic training.

May 18

In Mother's letter today she asked me if I were homesick; I think that it is Mother who is lonesome. I'll have arrange to spend loads of time with her this summer. Mothers are wonderful.

May 19

Tonight I lighted a vigil lamp to Our Lady before going over to Science Hall where I had to try for a first quarter's exam in Spanish. Minutes were precious for I had part of the final exam in Religion coming up tomorrow and needed to study. Our Mother came to my assistance, for the Professor failed to come and I was able to cover all the work in Religion.

Novena For A Happy Marriage  
(starts next Tues.)

There was a day in Ireland when parents arranged the marriages of their children. Sometimes a lad never knew whom he was marrying until he met the bride at the altar. Matches were made this way because parents did not want any mistakes made in this important step in life. Say what you want about this ancient custom, but it does show that the Irish saw the need of planning carefully for marriage. Don't gamble on your marriage being a success. Make the Novena for God's blessing.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Bob Duffey (Sor); Uncle of Joe Foley (How)  
Two Special Intentions.

CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH AFTER 6:40 P.M. HYMN SINGING AT GROTTA