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Read.

Look over the reading list of Catholic Literature and get a book treating of the Blessed Virgin. Make that your spiritual reading during May.

You Cannot Make a Mistake.

The Blessed Virgin chose the grotto at Lourdes to be her shrine. The grotto is reproduced here. If you follow the choice of the Blessed Virgin for a place to pray you are acting wisely.

The Faculty of Reason.

Reason is the faculty that is supposed to distinguish man from the brute creation. The brute acts on instinct. The passions in man correspond to these instincts.

Some people, even at Notre Dame, use their reason only to be unreasonable. Their acts are not dictated by reason; their reason is used only in finding the excuses for following their passions.

On Being Hard-Boiled.

The-hard-boiled man fears no one. And yet the man who is popularly supposed to be hard-boiled is a peculiar kind of a coward. The man who is really courageous fears God but is above human respect. The real coward is the man who offends God because he is a slave to human respect.

The Inferiority Complex.

Psychoanalysis has done a good turn in giving a trade mark to a well-known human trait -- the "inferiority complex." When a man realizes or fears a personal weakness, he boasts of superiority in that line. A man who is very cowardly will bray about fictitious victories in fights. He wants his friends to hold him back. He boasts of an ungovernable temper. Many a weakling swears ar brays of foul impurities to cover up secret weaknesses.

Other Inconsistencies.

1. Crabbing campus rules when there is so much room in town.
2. Crabbing religion in a religious school.
3. Cribbing after praying for God's help.
4. Writing a dirty joke on a Notre Dame letter-head.
5. Swearing with a Holy Name badge on your lapel.
6. Injuring a girl's character after taking a pledge of Knighthood.

How to Be Hard-Boiled.

The real hard-boiled man lives in the state of grace. He always acts from principle, whether or not his passions be in accordance with his principle. He goes along and minds his own business -- whatever it is-- and shows courage when it is needed. The martyrs were hard-boiled.

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