
Half-Angel and Half-Devil.

They say that a Frenchman has to be either an angel or a devil; the rest of us seem to be a queer mixture of both.

That's something to think about when you are going home for Christmas. If your conscience can throw the switch to make you one or the other, go into conference with it now and plan to give the angel the upper hand while you are at home.

Many parents who wrote fishy letters authorizing early departures for the holidays will be saying fervent prayers for the early return of their sons to school. Parents who connive at irregularities are usually the first to suffer from spoiled children.

Some boys manage to be angels by day during the holidays and devils by night. They sleep all day.

Some boys are angels abroad and devils at home. The strain of being good is too great for them, and they take it out on the folks.

Some boys are angels at home and devils abroad. Experience has taught them that the purse strings and the late permissions depend upon a suave exterior while they are with the folks.

Some boys are angels at Notre Dame and devils at home; others are devils at Notre Dame and angels at home. For our own peace of mind, to be selfish about it, we thank God that the former class is much more numerous than the latter, although the latter give the school a black eye when they go abroad.

It's all a matter of inconsistency, and your college education should convince you of the wisdom of being consistent. And if you are convinced, you have turned down the greatest advantages of Notre Dame if you have not used the Sacraments and prayer to help you to be consistent.

Why act simply from impulse? Why not plan? Here are a few suggestions:

1. "Be not as a lion in thy house, terrifying them of thy household." - Ecclus., iv.
2. Give the folks at least as much time as you give the girl, and regard your father as something more than a paying teller.
3. Bear in mind that the Eighteenth Amendment is revoked, and that it isn't smart anymore to drink in protest against Blue Laws.
4. Call on your pastor and one or two of your high school teachers. You may be living in realms far above them now, but you'll come back to earth some time, and it will be well for you then if they are there to comfort you when the bump comes.
5. Receive the Sacraments at least five times: on the two Sundays, on Christmas and New Year's Day, and on the day you start back for school.
6. Wash the dishes a time or two, just to keep in practice.

And don't spend all your time talking about the fourth quarter of the Army Game. You may have learned in theory that the game isn't over till the last whistle blows, but if you head the conversation up that alley too often, your whistle may blow prematurely.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Robert Burris, '33, killed in an auto accident; the brother of Rev. Dominick Cannon, C.S.C.; a cousin of Jim Griffin. Ill - Dan Hanley's brother; Stephen Condon's father. Two special intentions.