

Mass tomorrow morning at
6:25, main church, for the
team; request of the S.A.C.

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Don't forget to receive
Holy Communion before you
leave the campus Friday.

Secret of Success.

One day Marchie Schwartz gave what he thought was the basic reason for the success of the great 1930 team. "We all considered ourselves just ordinary players who had to keep on our toes and play extraordinarily well to win." Months afterward Tim Moynihan made almost identically the same observation.

And Tom Conley, captain in 1930, always said: "None of us thought he was a star. We tolerated one another's mistakes and, no matter what happened, we felt we had to keep the heat on all the time with everything we had. As I see it now, that's what brought results."

Moral and intellectual excellence come, if they come at all, from "keeping the heat on," from trying hard constantly.

The world's greatest men are surprisingly modest about their own talents. They will convince you that they succeed because they work hard. Get close to them and observe the long hours they put in. Here is a famous author and lecturer who, every morning, gets up before daylight to memorize long passages before starting a strenuous 12-hour day.

Wasn't it Longfellow who stated the truth thus:

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

And the saints--name one who ever thought he could afford to take it easy. The lives of the saints are all stories of humility and of extraordinary personal application in prayer and self-denial.

Mediocre men are afflicted with the ho hums because they are satisfied when they ought to see the need to work. Whenever one thinks that he has "finally arrived," be sure that he will soon hit the bottom.

Forgetting your own native incompetence, consider again these words of William James:

"As we become permanent drunkards by so many separate drinks, so we become saints in the moral, and authorities and experts in the practical and scientific spheres, by so many separate acts and hours of work. Let no youth have any anxiety about the upshot of his education, whatever the line of it may be. If he keeps faithfully busy each hour of the working day, he may safely leave the final result to itself. He can with perfect certainty count on waking up some fine morning to find himself one of the competent ones of his generation in whatever pursuit he may have singled out. Silently between all the details of his business, the power of judging in all that class of matter will have built itself up within him as a possession that will never pass away.

"Young people should know this truth in advance. The ignorance of it has probably engendered more discouragement and faint-heartedness in youths embarking on arduous careers than all other causes put together."

Work, work, and more work--this is the secret of success.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Father Clueckert, S.A.C.; grandmother of John Ryan, '35. Ill, uncle of Maurice Quinn (Alum.).

MASS FRIDAY of St. Didacus, p. 1047. 2nd col. of the Saints, p. 660; 3rd at liberty.