

Tonight: 6:45, May hymns University of Notre Dame ..of Mother's Day. Don't break
 at Grotto...Seniors: the Religious Bulletin your fast Friday nite.
 Senior Ball is the week-end... May 2, 1950

Mother On Her Knees.

"Dear Father: Every night for three years I have been praying long prayers on my knees for my son. Two years ago he was graduated from _____. During his senior year and ever since graduation, he has been drinking heavily. Time and time again he comes home scarcely able to tumble into bed after week-ending with his pals. He neglects the Sacraments, misses whole days at his job--and he's all I've got. His father died an alcoholic when Joe was a youngster. My whole life's savings went into his college education. I thought the environment of a Catholic school would protect him from evil companions. It did as much as it could, but I realize it could not force him to choose better companionship. Please warn your boys to stop drinking as the smart thing to do. Liquor did not help my boy make a man of himself nor will it ever help him save his soul." (--Mrs. C.T.)

An Old, Old Story.

When students are advised that the best liquor control is self-control, that not one of them who drinks may safely predict that his frequent drinking, even social drinking, will not eventually lead to heavy drinking--they seem to think one is tub-thumping, or butting in on personal business. Drinkers resent being warned about the evils of excessive drinking or being advised not to drink at all, just as another type resents strong warnings about missing Mass on Sundays. The general attitude of a "know-it-all" is--"I'll take care of myself and don't need your help."

Not long ago a priest went on an accident case. The man was dead when the priest got there. Yet the time elapsed between the call and his departure from the scene of the accident was only twenty minutes. Inquiry brought out the fact, so often found in such cases, that the man had been neglecting Sunday Mass. Furthermore, it was learned later that the last time his parish priest spoke to him about taking the pledge and getting back to the Sacraments he had replied: "You mind your business; I'll mind mine."

Ideal Drinker.

Rev. Robert E. Southward, S.J. has an article on drinking in the May issue of THE QUEEN'S WORK. His observations are pointed. First he asks whether young people are drinking more than is good for them. "I know of an eighteen-year-old Catholic Boy," he says, "who gave his girl friend a fifth for Christmas. I know a priest who staged a downtown dance for young folks with liquor prohibited. He had the young men frisked at the door and collected three shelves of fifths!"....In 1948, \$8,800,000,000 was spent on alcoholic drinks and \$150,000,000 on coaxing the U.S. to spend it. Automobiles under the influence of drinking drivers killed eighteen persons daily the same year.

Sociologists and doctors classify drinkers as social, excessive or heavy, and alcoholics. The social drinker is one who drinks to fit in with the crowd as occasion requires. In his booklet IT'S SMARTER NOT TO DRINK, Dr. Seliger checks the "assets" and liabilities of social drinking. Among its 'assets' he lists: 1. an "ice-breaker"; 2. taste; 3. an appetizer; 4. a food; 5. a medicine....Among the liabilities: 1. The peril of drifting into heavy drinking and alcoholism; 2. drunken driving; 3. rowdyism and loss of friends; 4. moral lapses; 5. expense.

The ideal social drinker is one who ALWAYS stops before getting noticeably talkative, argumentative, irritable, wobbly, rude, morally indiscrete or downright drunk. But the ideal social drinker is not the average drinker, who is always in danger of becoming a heavy drinker, one out of four of whom ends up an alcoholic whose future holds nothing but misery, sin, disregard of family and religion, and an unmourned death. (-- from THE QUEEN'S WORK, May)

Prayers: (deceased) father of Rev. J. Corr, CSC; mother of P.J. Ryan, '33, Ill, Brother DePaul, CSC; uncle of Joe Stereth (Wal).