

will, strong in determination to achieve what he wanted. He had it broken the second time and again he was disappointed and had a long period of pain and misery and invalidism. He had been devoted to reading stories of knighthood and of chivalry and of great warriors and he had dreamed of being a great, famous warrior and now all his hopes were ended and he was forced to lie there in pain with his life ruined as far as being a great soldier was concerned. And then, having read all the ~~hist~~stories of chivalry that he had available to him, he picked up a "Harmony of the Gospels" and a collection of the lives of the saints and he began to read them. And as he read them he began to think, I can't be a great soldier, why not become a great saint like Dominic or Francis and he determined upon seeking on a different line, in which his leg~~s~~ would not be a hindrance, to achieve greatness and great leadership in the world. And so as soon as he was able to leave his bed, he went to an altar dedicated to the Virgin Mary ~~and~~at Montserra and there he laid the weapons which he had used in warfare at her shrine and consecrated himself to her service. And then he went to a Dominican monastery

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soon he found that he had a great sense of sinfulness which seemed to him to make it impossible he should be a great saint but he determined this must be overcome in some way. And at length, after a long period of scourging and of prayer and of meditation, he finally resolved to cast his past behind him and bring it no more to recollection even in prayer before God. And it was a sudden change in his life like the change that Luther had but it would seem to have been a different thing. It was not a calling at the mercy of God and receiving the gift/~~of~~^{through} faith of God, but it was an act of will in determining that this was past and gone and he would forget it and he ~~was turning his~~^{would turn his mind} life forward to the ways