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The Fourth Kind of Freshmen.

"Those who are in the ditch and content to die there."

The fourth kind of Freshmen* have been listed as trailing in to the Sacraments all the way from the Mission till Trinity Sunday. They never constitute a numerous colony at N^otre Dame, but the world is full of them.

How They Get That Way.

They are the devotees of almost any of the Capital sins except Pride. They start with the seventh sin, Sloth, and work up the line while the members of Class Three start with Pride and work down.

Their End.

Although their God is their belly, their end is not destruction -- as a rule -- at N^otre Dame. They are tied to their passions, they have no thought of raising their heads above the gutter, they are careless of public opinion and private grief, but they are good natured* and for some act of good-natured charity God gives them the grace of conversion -- a grace often rejected in the world, but generally accepted at N^otre Dame.

A Ku Klux attack on the Church, a case of love at first sight, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, a Mission sermon, Papini's "Life of Christ", some one of God's multitudinous graces, reaches them and they are back on their feet.

Their weakened wills grow strong again through daily Communion; they feel again the warm glow of God's love -- they become the Augustine's and the magdalenes of our time. God loves a sinner -- they can tell you how much!

Short-Changing God.

Can you tell all you want to in two minutes? If you can, you don't need* want much. After Holy Communion try to spend ten minutes or more in thanksgiving; at the very least remain in the chapel until the Host is dissolved -- about seven minutes as a rule.

Romeo and Juliet.

There will be a special class in Hungarian for the dwellers in the back of Sophomore Hall who want to play Juliet to the dishwashing Romeos.

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