

Back to Rome.

Sophomore Hall beat the gun yesterday. The Easter Duty season opened last Sunday, and Sophomore Hall made a common Easter Duty yesterday, with 120 communicants -- 94 in the hall chapel, 22 in the basement chapel, and four in the Sorin chapel at 5:30 Mass. For once we have to hand it to them -- and if they will now stick for the rest of Lent we'll have no more sophomoreitis in Sophomore Hall this year. (The sixty who failed to show up will not last long when twice their number have gone back to Rome.)

Prayers.

John Touhy, who was taken sick shortly after his graduation last June, is still in need of your prayers for the restoration of his health; Frank Deitle, of the same class, is reported as fighting desperately for life. Three other sick persons are recommended to your prayers; so are three special intentions. -- Maurice Hedderman, a freshman here two years ago, now at Arizona U., is near death from an accident.

Modern Journalism and the Survey.

Dear Father: I wonder if the "best of men" at Notre Dame relish the story of the Modern Girl. Nine-tenths of the answers to that question are an insult to every man who has a sister or a best girl. I have both; and it hurts to think that the ideals of your Notre Dame men are so weakly founded. If she is so "rotten" as they would have us believe would it not be better to pray for her rather than to criticize? It seems to me that that would be a more true expression of Christian charity than the one adopted. She may be bad, but I doubt it, and yet can you say that we are all good? The over-worked confessional would hardly warrant that.

I have the assurance of one "Modern Girl" that "the modern girl is disgusting to most men -- but we have some terrible fools for men. They encourage the unlikeable things, and women are foolish to try to please them." It seems that the source lies some place close at hand, and charity begins at home. That is why we can forgive those who have forsaken common sense and tried to find something wrong with her rather than looking for the good. It must be a blighted mind that seeks the evil and avoids the good.

But why rave? The damage is done through a cheap news story, the like of which has never before come from Notre Dame. Notre Dame, Our Lady, is our patron. We would do well to think of that before again criticising her likeness in this world.

--- The Fifth Senior.

The real news story of the sixth chapter of the Survey was missed by the newspapers because while it is a sensation it is not the kind of a sensation they are looking for -- not the kind that sells papers. The answers to questions 1, 2, 3 and 5 show a magnificent state of mind, in the majority of cases; they show that Notre Dame students, in spite of disgusting standards of the world which crowd in upon them from the press, the stage, the screen, and chance companions, have wholesome Catholic ideals of womanhood. They show, moreover, that a goodly number of students who keep company with girls have found their aspirations realized in one good girl. That fact should prove a sensation to any newspaper that sees only vice in the world; but it is a clean sensation, not an ugly one. -- The introductory paragraph of chapter VI shows why questions 4 and 6 were included in the Survey. And let no one take exception to the term "modern girl". Usage has it applied to the poor creature, in the shop or in college, who has forsaken Christian ideals of womanhood, who has forgotten that by the ideal of the Virgin-Mother of God the Church raised woman from the beastly condition of a chattel to be man's greatest earthly inspiration.