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Paging the Truant Officer.

Mr. Truant Officer, where were you last Saturday night about 11:30? One of your charges needed assistance. He jumped from Lesson 1 to Lesson 4, skipping 2 and 3.

The Four Kinds of Freshmen.

There is a strong demand for more information on the spiritual classification of Freshmen and others. It will follow as Opportunity offers.

The First Kind.

"Those who have always loved God and wish to go on loving Him."

If you look over the Religious Surveys and the three pamphlets of experiences with frequent Communion, you will find that their class has numerous representatives at the University. It includes all those who have preserved baptismal innocence -- through love of God -- and those who, though in an unguarded moment have fallen into grievous sin, have not rested until they have found God again.

How Do They Get That Way?

By the grace of God. Strong Catholic parents, religion teachers, adorable sweethearts, good reading, clean companions, wholesome amusements, tractable dispositions, are all graces God gives us to keep our heads up and our eyes fixed on Him. In we correspond promptly with such graces we remain in Class One; if we neglect or resist them we slip into a lower classification.

The Second Kind.

"Those who love God, but have slipped into some sinful habits."

Where there is strong faith there is generally a healthy germ of love, but its growth may be hindered by environment. Recall the parable of the sower: "The cares and pleasures of the world" choke many a good resolution.

Their Strength.

Their very weakness is their strength. There is nothing like the shame of weakness to luring the soul to its knees before God. If you belong to Class two your soul is safe: God is protecting you from pride and laziness by holding your weakness before you.

Why They Fall in Line.

Classes One and Two become daily communicants within the first two weeks of school, because they find in daily Communion complete satisfaction of an indefinite longing that has been with them for a long time. It is half instinct and half intelligence: experience makes it all intelligence.

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