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The Foot of the Cross.

The following communication, received last Friday evening (after the publication of the eulogy of Class Three), is presented here because it sounds the depths of a psychological condition very familiar to all of you. The writer fears that he belongs to Class Three; he does not, because he has a conscience, which has merely been asleep.

"To the Prefect of Religion:

"As one who has not been doing so well, both in scholastic work and in religious duties, and as one who has mingled quite a bit with those who are more or less divorced from religious life of Notre Dame, I feel that perhaps my thoughts, weak as they are, may be of some assistance to you in your all-important work.

"From my own experience and from the intimate and confidential experiences related to me by several of my friends, I feel absolutely positive that the Notre Dame student without a solid and practical religious foundation, cannot arrive at ultimate success. He may subsist for a time on his code of independent or natural morality, but in these days of pit-falls and temptations, supernatural grace is essential.

"I have always known this, so do 99% of the "scoffers" know it, but we are too cowardly to admit it, even to ourselves. We know that embracing the help of God means the negation of our wicked desires and habits.

"As a former day-dogger, I sincerely believe that, as far as religion and good example is concerned a certain section of the group is the "rotten apple" at Notre Dame. It would be much better to regulate the attendance than to enroll a certain number of students, who through circumstances, more or less out of their control counterbalance the good example set by the campus students. Boys, especially students, are very much like parrots, and example, either for good or bad, works a tremendous influence in their lives."

"A Well Wisher".

"Well-wisher" has laid the foundation of a splendid year and a good life. He has performed an act of humility.

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Prefect of Religion.