

Scalps.

The Indian brave used to wear scalps at his belt as tokens of his bravery. It was a beautiful custom and should be revived. We Christians have let the pagans have a monopoly on so many fine things! If we could come before God at the Last Judgement with a fine assortment of scalps, God might forgive us our own bald heads -- for "charity covereth a multitude of sins."

The Scalping is Good.

Where sinners and Saint dwell in beautiful harmony, the scalping is always good. Start in on your roommate and move into wide fields as soon as you have his scalp. Look over the following possibilities:

1. The Holdout.

If your friend has any good in him, don't let him hold out on God; get his scalp: make him go to the Sacraments. If he is essentially no good, if he is dumb, if he is more of a disgrace than a credit to the Church -- let him go. Pray for him, but leave him to God.

"Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou be made like him."
Proverbs, 26:4.

2. The Raconteur.

While there is no bounty on mangy scalps, the peddler of dirty stories may be worth an attempt. He has one good quality. -- courage. When he tells you a dirty story, or gives you a filthy book, he shows that he is not afraid of you. And if you fail to get his scalp, you are either indecent or cowardly. You are indecent if you enjoy it; you are cowardly if you don't enjoy it, but let him get away with it.

3. The Souze.

If your friend with the alcoholic disposition has any brains, step between him and his arch-enemy. If he is just a lazy, God-forsaken bum, his scalp will look more graceful between his ears than on your belt. Pray that he won't die drunk.

4. Bobbed Hair.

Many a Notre Dame man has made a silly girl behave. Of course, it takes character to get away with it, and if you haven't character, keep away from the bobbed hair. She'll have your scalp.

Good Indians.

Almost half of the daily Communicants at Notre Dame are brought to this holy practice by their friends. It is splendid missionary work; and work that will carry on eternally. And the laymen who are doing it will be doing similar missionary work among their fellow-citizens later and on a larger scale. If you want to develop the power of influencing your fellow-men, you have the finest laboratory in the world right here.