

Religion in Education (Conclusion).

We have reviewed various kinds of religious education during the past few days: some kinds work, some do not. Notre Dame's system works pretty well on the material it receives. Is this a mill or a field? Our Lord said to let the cockle grow in the field until the harvest, when it would be burned, but he did not ask us to grind cockle with wheat.

Why Notre Dame Fails

The following types presage failure. Notre Dame weeps for them.

1. The Spiritual Hobo.

He is too good for home and family, too good for Notre Dame, too good for the Catholic Church. Self-assertive, but aimless, he wanders -- a parasite; he can solve the world's difficulties beautifully, but he can't raise a finger to help himself. He will be saved only by the prayers and tears of his mother.

2. The Eskimo Pie.

Cold-hearted, but crusty, he goes big for about two minutes. He is popular with the Freshmen, but they don't make so much of a hit with the faculty.

3. The Gopher.

He scurries into the ground when he sees a priest coming, but he has a gay time when he thinks no one is watching him.

4. The Mole.

He never sees the light, but he leaves an ugly path where he roots his way.

5. The Laughing Jackass.

Beer is his hobby -- anything to make him happy. Lacking the sense of humor he needs a physical stimulant for his risibility.

6. The Peacock

He struts. But look at his feet.

7. The Buzzard

The real buzzard is a useful bird, because as a scavenger he aids the Board of Health. The moral buzzard is not so good; he spreads infection instead of checking it.

8. The Dodo.

We thought this bird extinct. We know better since he got up for elections and golf when he could never hear the bell for God.