

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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The Unemotional Senior.

I.

It is the ambition of the average senior to be blase'---not so blatantly blase' as the sophomore, but discreetly so. Part of the process of rising above emotion is manifested in a religious sluggishness.

II.

And, strangely enough, no schoolgirl is more emotional than the average senior as the year draws to a close; and no one harms himself more than the senior who fights this emotion to the last ditch. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, this fight drives him to drink - and folly.

III.

The emotional wave strikes the senior hardest about three months before graduation. Honest, manly tears are shed on the broad shoulder of Alma Mater, hard lumps crowd Adam's apples as reminiscences of freshman days are recalled and banquets and smokers, lovers grow absent-minded and talk sense instead of nonsense. Religion gets a new grip on the heart.

IV.

The suppression of emotions should not be so popular after what the \$2.50-a-day man said about it recently in Chicago

V.

"What shall it profit a man...?"

No senior has as yet gained the whole world, and neither has any senior, as yet, saved his soul. The fight goes on till the end. But the following report was made last spring by this year's seniors on the question, "In what way has Notre Dame helped your spiritual life?"

It has not helped.....	11
It has given me frequent communion....	11
It has shown me a good example.....	12
It has made me a better Catholic.....	7
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VI.

The wise senior will anticipate his emotions and make his will

the driving force that will make this year a distinguished year. He will make his Eucharistic Calendar a register of his spiritual condition.

John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
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