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In this, as in all his other studies, his career was remarkable. His knowledge of the Fathers is great. His fullness in this respect is especially due to the fact that he reads their works *in extenso*, thus catching their spirit and the calibre of their minds more completely than could be effected by compendia however perfect. He is at home in the Holy Scriptures, and avoids the common fault of overloading his discourses with texts which, however edifying in themselves, have no application to the question discussed. We know of no irreverence greater than that which drags in Scriptural texts without due regard to propriety of illustration. It weakens the effect of God's Word and disperses His Spirit.

For many years the subject of this paper was Director of Regiopolis

College. In this position he gained for himself the love and esteem of every student under his charge, Protestant as well as Catholic. We speak from personal knowledge, when we say that there never was a head of a college to whom the students were more attached. Even at this day our old companions of Regiopolis speak of their former Director as if they had left college yesterday.

Regiopolis! What memories that name awakes! Some sad, some pleasant, some humorous, they come back to us every day of our lives with a freshness that seems immortal. What has become of the hopes of many a bright intellect and buoyant heart who flourished in those long gone days. Ah! if they could have foreseen! Their hopes and aspirations have long since grown cold as the hearts which entertained them.