

Is Modern University Training Practical ?



THIS, the great question of to-day, we may answer by stating that the majority of Universities are practical, physically and intellectually, also that we know for a fact the Catholic Universities to be practical, morally.

All Catholic Universities, wherever they may be, on this Continent, in Europe, Asia or Australia, are known by their excellent moral training, and being under the jurisdiction of the One True Faith, the morals and Christian principles which they have for their standard must be of the best calibre. As a proof of this, we find in our Catholic Universities a great many Protestant students, the reason of this is: their parents are not fanatics in religion, and on looking about them see that a large proportion of the men with real characters and principles are graduates of Catholic Universities. Again, if the moral training of our Catholic Universities were not of the best, would not the Pope, who is at the head of all Catholic interests, endeavor to introduce a better system?

Now let us turn to the physical training given in Universities of the present day: In the different walks of life, one meets with people of diverse ideas, as to the physical training given, not only in our own Universities, but also in the non-sectarian ones. Some may not approve of it, stating that it does not coincide with intellectual training, in other words a young man cannot take part in sports and follow his course of studies, without more or less distraction. On the other hand we meet men and women who insist that their children receive the proper physical training, some even make it emphatic that physical training should be attended with more importance than intellectual training; for if young people were allowed to grow up, without any physical training whatever, the National debt would be increased more by building hospitals for consumptives and other people with contagious diseases, than it will be when the G.T.P. Railway is completed.

Look around us and see the results, notice the difference between those who go in for sports and those who do not; in color, form, development, and even character; very frequently the boy who is first in sports is also first in his class, yet some people will say sport is not necessary or practical. In one sense