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GOOD ADVICE.

We regret that we did not take measures before the Chancellor's visit to obtain *in toto*, and as he delivered it, his eloquent sermon in the University chapel. The abstract, however, published in our opening pages contains truths and suggestions, which should receive serious consideration. Every student in our midst, who desires to exercise a healthful influence in after life, should make himself thorough master of the arguments which show, beyond all doubt, the necessity of religious

training—of Catholic training for the Catholic young man—being given an important place in any school or college course. His Grace's discourse proves what mighty arguments in defence of this truth can be drawn from the history of nations. The intelligent thinker will find it profitable too to follow closely the pros and cons, on this question, which are likely to be brought up soon in our own land.

The point in the Chancellor's sermon, perhaps most direct and immediate in its bearing, was his exhortation to cherish a high appreciation of the advantages enjoyed by students in the University. There is happily, in general, no regrettable lack of this commendable feeling amongst us, however, it might be greatly strengthened did everyone remember that success in study is oftenest in direct ratio to the idea entertained of the excellence—of the use, and necessity perhaps—of learning. His Grace ably outlined some of the particular claims which the University of Ottawa has on the appreciation of students. It is not our object to dilate upon them; let it suffice to say, with an esteemed contemporary that, whilst no state or government charter or learned professors can endue students with talent and genius, the young man who has natural abilities and works faithfully—requisites in even an Oxford or a Cambridge—and completes the course here, need not be afraid to measure swords with other University Knights in the great battle of life.

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