

the idea, according to which God wishes the life of each one amongst us to be moulded. We are taught by the greatest teachers produced by our Holy Church, that the Creator has special designs overshadowing the existence of every one of His rational creatures. Not a single one of us is outside the range of His all-benign care. From all eternity he meditated our greatest welfare, and, from the beginning, before time commenced its course, He formed an idea of us, to which every one of our ideas must be conformed. He has mapped out the particular territory of His Dominions, in which according to His divine will, each one of us must exert himself; He has decreed and arranged the special vocation in which each one of us can strive successfully for the Crown of Immortality. He has carefully foreseen and weighed the amount of good that each one of us must do toward procuring the eternal welfare of ourselves and of our neighbors, according to the number of talents we have each received.

Do we often think as seriously as we should over these special designs of God in our regard? Do we frequently pray both orally and mentally for grace to find out their nature and the extent of their requirements. Sad to say, it must be acknowledged that many young men and boys of the present day are criminally negligent in this respect. In their blindness they foolishly prefer the ephemeral whim of their own wayward fancy to the soul, saving order established for them by their Creator. Nevertheless this question is one of vital importance. On its decision will depend our lot throughout the endless ages of eternity. A wrong decision is the cause of the many unfortunate, tear-stained, aimless lives that we see in the world around us, for such a mistake places a young man outside the range of God's special graces and so leaves him to eke out a miserable existence, and probably to end his unhappy days in suicidal rashness. There is no reason why any student of this truly Catholic institution should thus expose himself to such dire misfortune. Every facility for finding out the true course, such as frequent sacraments, daily mass, prayers and good advice from wise and experienced directors, are, without any restriction, placed at the disposal of each one amongst us. We have, moreover, the noble example of hundreds that have passed before us through the same class-rooms and the same halls. His