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The Sanctum.

We are indebted to Prof. A. H. Newman, D. D., L. L. D., of McMaster University for the admirable review of Dr. Welton whose picture appears as our frontispiece in this issue.

The Value of an Ideal.

CCASIONALLY we meet with those who scorn ideals as useless sentimentalities, and as being unproductive of any practical issue. Such persons are, however, decidedly in the minority and their number is constantly diminishing for the world is waking to the realization that, in ideals, lies the secret of success or failure, not only in those aesthetic pursuits of literature and art, in which spheres the idealistic element has ever held a large place but also in the attaining of all knowledge and in making even the humdrum life of every day beautiful and noble, so that no honest work is sordid but every force or faculty of hand, heart, or brain finds a most powerful stimulus.

Everyone is at times conscious of the truth of Browning's words—"A spark disturbs our clod," so that there is perpetual striving and a divine dissatisfaction, calling us to higher endeavour and nobler character. Happy the man whose aspiration becomes his inspiration for he will push his work with grand enthusiasm and even though he may fail in the immediate attainment of his object, he will not find his striving of no advantage. He must inevitably gain that inestimable treasure,—a great character, for under the influence and stimulus of a broad, inspiring, pure, and strong ideal, his thought broadens, his experience deepens, his comprehension enlarges and