

CATHOLIC AND SECULAR COL- LEGES CONTRASTED

NOW that our colleges have begun work and our students are enrolled, it is well for us to take an inventory of the educational conditions of our day, for education in itself is one of the chief factors not only in the fashioning of our lives but in the promotion of our temporal and spiritual happiness.

Indeed, we little dream how great a share education has in shaping the character of our civilization and creating for it ideals, towards which and in the attainment of which humanity strives and reaches and crowns its labors with achievement and success.

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Catholic education and secular education are broadly differentiated in the fact that the former emphasizes the things of the soul, while the latter emphasizes the things of the mind. In every land where the Catholic Church builds a school or a college, its first thought is the spiritual welfare of the student. In this it does not in the least minimize the importance of the intellect, but it rightfully places above all knowledge the knowledge of God.