

probably an Englishman. He was an energetic opponent of Duns Scotus. He died in 1332.

**THE WISE MEN OF THE EAST.**—The names of the three wise men from the East who, guided by a star, visited the Infant Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthassar. They are said to have been buried at Cologne.

**A POINT OF BLAZONRY.**—Some writers on the "Noble Art" contend that abbots have no right to place over their arms, as other prelates are allowed, a hat with tassels; and an old treatise in Latin on heraldry dismisses their pretention to do so with the sarcastic decision:

Tot habent floccos abbates quot genitalia muli

**WISDOM.**—What a wonderful lesson is to be found in the single word "Wisdom:" Wisdom is what makes a poor man a king; a weak person powerful, a good generation of a bad one, a foolish man reasonable. Though wisdom be good in the beginning, it is better at the end.

### THE COLLEGE OF OTTAWA.

In a few days the September term of this flourishing institution will be opened. For sound, practical and advanced instructions this college stands in the very front rank of educational institutions in this country. For some time past a wordy war has been going on in the French Canadian press anent the prominence given to the training of the pupils in the English language which one or two of these journals claim, has the effect of counting out the French. Our valued contemporary the *True Witness* thus disposed of the most violent opponent of the college of Ottawa and in its remarks we heartily concur.

We have had our attention directed to a lively discussion just now going on between our French Canadian *confreres* on the subject of the teaching of the English language in our collegiate institutions. An evening contemporary, the *Courrier de Montreal*, is very much exercised over the fact that at the Ottawa University the course of study should be prosecuted in English, instead of in French, and that an undue prominence is thus given to the English training of the pupils. Our own impression is, and

it is not the first time we have had occasion to express it, that our friends of the *Courrier* are a little too anxious for French domination in everything, and that the course followed by that journal, if concurred in by its fellow-countrymen, must necessarily have the effect of placing them in antagonism with three-fourths of the population of the Dominion, and more especially to a very powerful minority in the Province of Quebec. However, we can afford to allow the *Courrier* to pursue its own course, satisfied that in the long run the eternal beating on the big drum of nationalism will cure itself. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without referring to the institution that has incited the ire of the *Courrier*. The Ottawa College, where the French language is taught in all its elegance and purity, as witness their scholars in the various departments of life in the Dominion, fills more particularly a want long felt by the English-speaking and French Canadian Catholics of the country. In the greater number of our Lower Canadian colleges we regret to be obliged to say the English language is not only a secondary consideration, but is almost entirely neglected. There the old system of the *petit seminaire* that existed in France one hundred years ago, is still followed regardless of the changes in times and circumstances. In the new Catholic university of Ottawa both languages receive equal attention, but the course of study has been adapted to the requirements of the country, and is such as will enable our Catholic young men, after graduating, to battle successfully with their rivals of other creeds. And this is the secret of the wonderful success that has crowned the labor and sacrifices of the Reverend Fathers who have charge of the institution. If, instead of finding fault with the prominence given to English instruction at the Ottawa College, our *confreres* were to urge many of our institutions in this Province to adopt its *curriculum* a far greater benefit would be conferred on its fellow-countrymen. In the meantime, our Catholic population may congratulate themselves on having an institution where our young men are in a position to receive the education that is requisite for their advancement and success in after life.