Students were urged to remember the folks at home, pay their laundry bills promptly and keep themselves neat by Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown in his opening chapel talk at the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Engineering at New York University yesterday.

"The more you are impressed with the star that dwells apart, the more consistently you will lay upon yourselves the lowest duties of our common life," he said. "Let me say a few words about things commonplace, as they may seem to you.

"Take care of your health. The colleges have their physical director and their consulting physician, and you should not let any threatening illness grow upon you.

"Remember the folks at home. Many of them are making great sacrifices that you may go to college. If home is far away, do not forget to write the letters they expect from you.

"Be careful in matters of money. Avoid running recklessly into debt. As far as in you lies, keep your laundry bills cleanly paid. Help to maintain a suitable standard of dress and demeanor. Help to banish slovenliness. You can be sufficiently informal to meet the academic tradition without throwing away all standards.

"Finally, do not forget that you are helping to make a national university. The Hall of Fame for great Americans which adorns this campus is not an isolated element in our university life. It is typical of the spirit of the institution. This is a university for the nation and for mankind.

"Don't be too ready to throw away your religion, if you have any. The best thought of the world is free, and in its freedom it has a way of swinging back to God. May you gain in freedom here, and may you gain in faith and confidence, in the way that free men have made themselves rejoicing masters of the world."

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So is the worst thought of the world free. If thought were not so very free, if the world took God's thought on moral questions, it would not be necessary for Chancellor Brown to warn students to pay their laundry bills.

Send It Home To Father.

The Ave Maria for last Saturday, (Oct. 4) has a strikingly good article by Frank Spearman entitled, "Your Son's Education." Read it yourself to find out why you are here, and send it to your father to show him how much you appreciate his good sense.

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