Beginnings in Philosophy

I. **In the Will**

A. tranquility of emotions

B. hope of knowing the truth

C. aversion from error

D. fear of making a mistake

E. wonder

F. love of wisdom

1. love of reason which looks before and after

2. love of order

3. love of truth: "wisdom" by antonomasia is the knowledge of truth

G. humility

1. reverence for the teacher

2. docility: willing to be taught by and to read frequently the words of the wise

H. mildness

I. patience

J. friendship with other students and with the teacher

II. **In the Intellect**

A. About things

1. knowledge by our common experience of things

2. knowledge by some definitions, divisions or distinctions of things

3. knowledge of statements known through themselves about things

a. statements known by *all* men, e.g., whole > part

b. statements known through themselves by some men who are wise in their proper science. These are the principles of each science or reasoned out knowledge

B. About method

1. common methods

a. of nature (natural)

b. of art (e.g., logic)

2. proper methods: each science has its own method compare natural philosophy with mathematics. Cf. *Divisions and Methods of the Sciences* by St. Thomas