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On October 10th, 11th, 12th the annual retreat was held, the Rev. Thomas McKay, D. D., of St. Malachy's Church, being the preacher. He brought to his work the zeal characteristic of a "Brother's Boy," while the quickened attention of the students showed in no less a degree the magnificent response given to his efforts. We trust that the future will show a renewed interest in school work and a more marked attention to religious duties. We are pleased to see a number making daily visits to the chapel since the retreat; we hope the good work will continue.

To the conditions brought on by the war, apprehensions were felt by educational institutions throughout the country regarding this year's registration. Nor were their apprehensions groundless, for many of the colleges and secondary schools report a considerable falling off in numbers, especially in the upper classes of the college and high school departments; happily, there was no appreciable decrease in our student body, while, on the other hand, we had a registration of over seventy new students. At this time of writing there are a few who are still seeking enrollment. This condition of affairs is indeed very encouraging and bids promise of better things to come.

We are gratified to see a renewal of literary activity among our students. The members of the senior high school class, in a recent class meeting under the direction of Brother Dorotheus, head of the department of English, met with the purpose of encouraging literary tendencies and of further stimulating a taste for theme writing and literature. It was decided to publish a Year Book at the end of the school term. The following were elected as the staff: Editor-in-chief, Joseph Lehman; business manager, John McWilliams; sporting editor, Kenneth Simendinger.

At the close of the meeting the students were addressed by the Rev. Brother Dorotheus, who spoke on the necessity of theme writing and the cultivation of literature.

Owing to circumstances over which she had no control, La Salle was obliged within recent years to re-adjust her curriculum to meet the requirements of the times. Though she strengthened her science course, placing special emphasis on her engineering department, she has, nevertheless, kept in view the cultural value of literary ideals. While the content of her arts department does not figure so prominently as in the past, every effort is made to keep alive a love for the beautiful which finds expression in

literature. Every encouragement is, therefore, given to the students who manifest such literary tendencies as lie within the scope and range of the various courses offered.

In speaking of this tendency we recall the words of the Right Rev. Monsignor Hugh T. Henry, Litt. Dr. '80, in an address delivered in the Metropolitan Opera House, in April, 1913, the occasion being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the granting of the charter to La Salle: "There was, however, one feature of the course at La Salle, as I recall, my years of tutelage there . . . a special emphasis was laid on the study of English. . . . It seems clear that the Christian Brothers had somehow discovered the secret which so many other present-day educators lament having missed in their elaborate scheme and systems of education . . . the secret, mainly, of how to instill into young minds a real love for literature."

Of late, La Salle determined to enter the field of athletics. Two magnificent banners now hang in the college as a trophy for their prowess in the annual Relay, conducted by the University of Pennsylvania; apart from this, the basket ball team of last year were champions in the Catholic schools of Philadelphia and foot ball, something new for La Salle to take up, has shown considerable strength within the past three years. The foot ball team of this year has not lost a game and the indications are that they will finish the season gloriously. While it is quite early to look for basket ball material we have it here in the making. Arrangements are al-

ready being made to secure the services of a good coach, and La Salle may again be champions of the city.

The Pre-Medical course has a fair representation with several new faces registered this year. a well-known biologist has been secured and, from present indications, the students are showing a more than usual interest in their work.

The course in chemistry recently organized in La Salle, measures up to the standards offered elsewhere. In view of the fact that educational leaders in this country are trying to build up a new content in the study of chemistry, and by reason of the difficulty now in obtaining materials from foreign countries, manufacturing concerns that deal in chemicals are offering exceptional inducements to chemists.

It is very gratifying to see the earnestness with which the students are taking up the military drill. During the past week the older students marched in the streets in the vicinity of the college and all who witnessed the turnout were impressed with their manly bearing.

Brother C. Joseph, in charge of the public speaking, is looking around for available talent. He hopes to have things in shape for a dramatic entertainment around the Christmas holidays. We feel sure he will have little difficulty, for elocution always held a prominent place in La Salle and dramatic entertainments were, in the past, a feature of the college.

The foot ball team, since the season opened, played the following teams:

La Salle, 12; Media High School, 7.

La Salle, 19; Vineland High School, 0.

La Salle, 7; Tome School, 0.

We were glad to learn of the spirit of loyalty that attends the good news of our victory on the gridiron. Our clever cartoonist, whose efforts adorn the bulletin board deserves a vote of thanks. For further news concerning athletics: "Keep your eye on the bulletin board."

The members of the Freshman class in Civil Engineering are at present making a survey of the land in the vicinity of Upper Darby Township. The field work up to the present included correct methods of driving stakes, holding and reading tapes, measuring distances on horizontal and slope, alignment with range poles and recording of data.

Transit work included setting up and leveling transit, sighting, reading up of verniers and measurement of horizontal and vertical angles.

The foot ball team so ably coached by Dr. Keough has not lost a game this season. Captain Simendinger is rather proud of the showing of the team so far and though victorious all along the line he has his men out daily for practice. With the victory over the strong Media High School and the big score rolled up against Vineland, together with the unlooked-for triumph over Tome School, the outlook is very encouraging.

We are waiting for a home game that we may prove our interest and show by our presence that the spirit of loyalty is strong in the college.

The Rev. Brother Thomas, F. S. C., professor of mathematics in Manhattan College, New York, was a guest of the college Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22 respectively. He represented Manhattan College in the celebration held in connection with the Drexel Institute on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21.

We extend our congratulations to the Brothers of Mary on their Centenary which was celebrated with due solemnity during October. The Brothers of Mary have much in common with our own society; for apart from the fact that the object of their institute is the christian education of boys, their rules and constitution are based more or less on the rules that St. John Baptist de la Salle gave to his own brothers.

A member of their own society writing in the *Catholic World*, the October number, states: "When Father Chaminade (their saintly Founder) began the foundation of his society, it was to the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Toulouse, he applied for the book of rules and trained his first aspirants in the spirit laid down by St. John Baptist de la Salle."

In the dedication of the new Catholic Boys' High School which the Brothers of Mary will conduct we noticed several of our own alumni very prominent in the exercises held in connection with the event. We have reserved for the alumni notes, special mention of those who were present and gave addresses. Sir James J. Ryan, K. C. S. G., one of the Board of Managers of La Salle, heads the list of those who contributed

to the endowment fund, while the principal addresses were delivered by The Right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, D. D., Bishop of Harrisburg, of the class of '77, and the Right Rev. Bishop McCort, '76.

Bro. Fidelis Edward, professor of German in La Salle for the past five years, died in St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia, Wednesday, October 24. The office of the dead was recited by all the Brothers of Philadelphia on Friday evening, October 26, the Bro. Visitor, of the District, presiding. A solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Malachy's Church Saturday, the interment at Ammendale. A more detailed account of Bro. Fidelis will be given in the November issue of the BUDGET.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

The month of October will be ever memorable to the students of La Salle School of Commerce. On October 1, twenty young men, who have adopted the "Machine Way" in Short-hand (The Stenotype), assembled in the College Hall to organize a Stenotype Chapter. In his address to the students, Mr. O. M. Commander, District Manager, Stenotype Company, explained the "Purpose and Scope of the National Association of Stenotypists." He called their attention to the fact, that not only would they become more efficient stenographers, but the opportunities which they will have at these chapter meetings to express publicly their opinions and views of timely topics; the assistance and experience which would be rendered by former graduates; their

presence at the lectures to be given by prominent business men of the city—all will tend to make La Salle one of the leading commercial institutions of Philadelphia.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. Daniel Curry who was a student in La Salle from 1894-1897 is the manager of the magnificent theatrical production "The Wanderer" that is now running in the Metropolitan Opera House.

Thomas J. Meagher, Esquire, '92, figured very prominently in a recent case at law and was very successful in obtaining an extraordinary favorable verdict for his client.

In his address at the dedication of the new Catholic Boy's high school, the Right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, D. D., Bishop of Harrisburg, '77, struck a true note when he said: "While the parish forms the unit of church organization and while the parish alone can carry on many activities that affect the religious, moral, intellectual and social life of the people, yet the parish strong as it may be, cannot do certain things that are of supreme importance to religion and education and charity. A single parish cannot bear the burden of a hospital, or an orphanage, neither can a single parish especially in our day and in the large cities of America, establish and maintain a properly equipped and efficient Catholic high school. May God speed the day when the illustrious example of unified parish action which fructifies today in this splendid school, will be followed in every diocese in America."