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COLLEGE NOTES

The student battalion, on invitation of the A. O. H., acted as a guard of honor in the "Service Flag" celebration which was held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at the headquarters of this organization on Broad Street. The manly bearing of the students called forth some very favorable comments all along the line of march.

Word has been received from John Michel, '15, who is with the Aero Service Squadron "somewhere in France." He also sent a copy of the second edition of the newspaper which is published in the interests of the boys "over there."

Robert Taylor, a student from the high school department, successfully passed the entrance examination to Annapolis, and will report at the Naval Academy in a few weeks.

Members of the Pre-Medical Class have organized a chemists' club. The object is to awaken interest in a further study of chemistry by subscribing for literature dealing with this branch of science and in visiting the various plants in Philadelphia and vicinity that have to do with the manufacture of chemicals. Brother Felician-Peter, head of the department of chemistry, is the moderator, with Joseph Cascarelli, president; vice-president, John

Moran; treasurer, Joseph Horan; secretary, Alphonsus DeMarco.

The students of the second high have organized a literary society, with Philip Herbst, editor, and Anthony Dunn as cartoonist, while other members of the class will contribute articles. In connection with the society, a readers' club will be formed. A plan will be formed to have the students give reports on their readings which will be read at the various meetings of the society.

Members of La Salle's faculty attended the sessions of the Schoolmen's Week, held at the University of Pennsylvania on April 11th and 12th. Brother Dorotheus, of the department of English, took part in the general discussions, which were attended by over fifty teachers of English in schools and colleges throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Brother Felician-Peter attended the sessions devoted to chemistry, while other members of the faculty were present at other meetings which had for their object mathematics, biology, history, and modern languages. At the special meeting arranged for college presidents, La Salle was represented by the president, Brother Richard. The general theme for discussion was the part that colleges and high schools can play in helping the government in the present crisis.

Brother C. Joseph, in charge of the public speaking, conducted a preliminary contest in the gymnasium on Wednesday, April 3d. The following were selected to speak at the annual contest in elocution which will be held May 2d; Lester Connor, William Cashin, Thomas McBride, J. Schmitz, Bernard McGuigan, Alexander Toth, Allie McWilliams, Joseph Lehman.

We desire to express our condolences to Charles Dunn, '17, H. S., and Anthony Dunn, at present a student in the second year high school, in the loss of their good mother.

The students of the third year high will hold a reception in Philomusian Hall on April 22d. The arrangements are in the hands of Henry A. Strecker, chairman, assisted by James Clifford, Charles V. Doyle, Francis Fee and Eugene Bonniwell.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Democratic leaders in the State of Pennsylvania have agreed upon J. Washington Logue, '79, as the candidate they will recommend to the voters of their party for Lieutenant-Governor at next month's primary election. The local papers speak in the highest terms of Mr. Logue's character, and state he is a worthy running mate to Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, who is the candidate for Governor, and whose three sons are students in La Salle.

The Rev. Wenceslaus J. Walsh, '94, who for the past seven years was secretary to the late beloved Archbishop Prendergast, has been appointed a Monsignor. We extend to him our sincere congratulations on the appointment.

Dr. John M. Connolly, '12, who volunteered for the service, is at present in one of the Southern training camps, but expects in a few weeks to go "over there."

Dr. Joseph F. Richards, '12, a classmate, also volunteered, but owing to some delay in making his application will be obliged to wait. He hopes, however, to be with the boys very soon.

Francis McNichol, '11, has been transferred from Camp Meade and is now in Texas at the aviation field.

Edward McNichol, '13, has left the same camp, and has entered the Army Engineers at the camp in Massachusetts.

The Right Rev. Bishop McCort, D. D., '76, is now the administrator of the archdiocese. The papers make mention of him as a possible successor to the late Archbishop Prendergast. If the event comes to pass, La Salle will have an archbishop among its alumni.

LIBERTY LOAN

On Saturday, April 6th, Philadelphia held a monster meeting, whose immediate purpose was to launch the Third Liberty Loan. We feel that La Salle's present student body, as well as the alumni, will respond in a manner both patriotic and generous. This Liberty Loan is the medium through which, better than in any other way, America's heart, mind, and physical strength can be thrown into the weight of battle against Germany. A huge Liberty Loan in this country means discouragement in Germany and encouragement to our allies; it means funds to feed, equip and train our soldiers into the best soldiers of the world; it means support and com-

fort for our men in the trenches; in a word, it means an ample reservoir of financial credit out of which all things required by the brotherhood of nations against autocratic barbarism can be obtained to drive forward this year with their maximum strength and bring the horrors of the world war to an early end.

Hubert Horan, Esq., '99, addressed the entire student body in the gymnasium on Wednesday, April 10th, on the necessity of buying Liberty Bonds. "The man who buys a Liberty Bond," he stated, "performs as efficient an act of war as the man who pulls a trigger in his trench in France." His stirring speech aroused the students to a pitch of generous enthusiasm which will no doubt bear fruit. The president of the college, Brother Richard, the day following (in all the classes) distributed nearly ten thousand dollars' worth of Liberty Bond slips.

The Rev. Brother Fabrician, F. S. C., a former president of La Salle, was a guest of the college on Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th, respectively. At present he is engaged in literary work in connection with the works on Christian Doctrine which are published by the Brothers and sold by Mr. Joseph McVey, of Philadelphia. Brother Fabrician at present is stationed in De La Salle Institute, New York.

ATHLETICS

The curtain was rung down on the basket ball season in a blaze of glory, with La Salle winning the Catholic championship by a record of four victories and no defeats. The record is the more remarkable because of the fact that three of the games were played away from home. In the four games

played, two were with Catholic High and two with Villanova Prep.

The manager of La Salle's team made every effort to arrange a series of games with St. Joseph's College, but all to no effect. As the series stand, there is no doubt as to who has a clear title to the championship, for the team from St. Joseph's Prep. suffered a defeat from both Catholic High and Villanova Prep.

The track team has started practice for the coming season, and expects to make a good showing in the various athletic meets. Both the College and High School departments will be represented in the Penn relays, which will be held on Franklin Field, April 26th and 27th. It might be stated here in passing that La Salle, for the past two years, has carried off the victory in these annual relays.

John Maguire, star tackle and half-back of this year's football team, has enlisted in the Naval Reserves at Wisahickon Barracks, Cape May, N. J.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Freshmen class, under the direction of Brother G. Louis, worked in the open during the exceptionally fine weather of the first week in April and resumed their surveying. They took a profile levelling for a drain entering into Naylor's Run, near Lansdowne, and made a farm survey, tracing the course of the stream, its width, the position of different islands and their areas. Several members of this class have accepted positions with the Engineering Department of the United States. They will be engaged during the vacation with an engineering corps under the auspices of the government making surveys from New Castle, Del., to Trenton, N. J.

THE COLLEGE

From the time of the granting of its charter up to within recent years, La Salle had been one of those small but virile colleges which are scattered throughout the country and which are peculiarly adapted to the needs of the United States in their scope, aim and curriculum, and which, while not entirely isolated, yet were independent in the choice and selection of their program of studies.

The purpose of these colleges was to give a liberal education in the arts and sciences, and while mathematics, the classics, and a modern language or two, with science then in a formative state, were offered to the student, it was mainly literary in its scope with due regard for the cultivation of the mother tongue. In the junior and senior years a course in elementary philosophy was added. This program of studies corresponded in the main with most colleges for the United States from about 1870 to 1890.

Within the last ten years, owing to the progress made within educational lines to keep in touch with the march of progress, and for other causes which she could neither foresee nor prevent, La Salle was obliged to re-adjust her program of studies, placing emphasis on science, mathematics, and technical subjects with the purpose of building up an engineering department. This she has done, though not without the usual obstacles attending such an undertaking. In this transition from the cultural and literary aspect of the program of studies to that of the exact sciences, the more elegant cultivation of the mother

tongue was substituted for the direct and simple use of English.

La Salle now offers besides the course in arts, three distinct courses—a four-year course in civil engineering, a four-year course in chemistry and chemical engineering, and a two-year course in preparation for the study of medicine, commonly called the pre-medical.

The catalogue issued by the college has the following: "The studies are sufficiently comprehensive to ensure the graduate that broad technical training essential to the successful prosecution of his subsequent professional work." . . . Visits of inspection are made from time to time to engineering manufacturing plants, and as often as possible the students are required to inspect actual engineering work under construction, especially where the inspection has a direct bearing on classroom work."

The advantages of a small number of students in any course of study is obvious. Where this condition exists, the student receives almost individual attention. The small college, therefore, has, in times past, given to the country many men who have attained eminence in their various callings and have been noted particularly for their thoroughness.

Moreover, La Salle is a Catholic college, and apart from the training given to the student, he is thoroughly grounded in sound Catholic principles and has a correct view of ethical standards. "For what doth it avail a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." This, after all, is the real end of education, and is *the* reason for the existence of the Catholic school and college.