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BILL WHITESIDE, *President*

As we start on our second year, the men of LaSalle can look back with pride on the success of our first year. This success is the result of the co-operation of our entire membership. Yes, we have done much, but think of how much more could have been done if the father of every student was a member of the Men of LaSalle, and if every member had secured one or more associate members. To have every father a member is our aim. This can be done with your co-operation. Appoint yourself a committee of one to get at least one new member, either regular or associate. There are many of your friends who, after hearing of the good that is done by the Men of LaSalle, will be honored to be a member of this organization. Tell them of our aims and purposes; and of our social activities such as the picnic and testimonial dinner. Tell them too of the splendid work of our various committees. The greatest danger that confronts the Men of LaSalle is that the members may feel that the job is done. This is only the beginning. It is up to all of us to take the action necessary to make our organization worthy of the name of "LaSalle."

In achieving our aims, we are not only helping our boys and the school; but also our country by helping to build better men. As Men of LaSalle, we should feel proud in participating in this important job.

1st ANNIVERSARY OF MEN OF LaSALLE

When Brother D. Luke called the first meeting of our new organization for Saturday evening, January 27, 1945, it was with trepidation that we awaited the arrival of the fathers and guardians of the boys and the friends of the school. This new Club did not just happen; but was the "brain child" of Brother Luke, ably assisted by Brother G. John and encouraged in no small measure by Brother Emilian. Many meetings were held prior thereto by the original Steering Committee, who gave much of their time and thoughts to the purposes and objectives of the organization and to frame the Constitution and the By-Laws. The very name of the Club gave occasion to considerable debate and was decided only after mature thought.

The primary purpose of our Club is to build up a fund to assist worthy students to complete their education, who, through adverse circumstances, would be forced to leave the school. We have already pledged financial aid to five boys in the High School and College.

The objectives have been expressed as follows:

1. To promote mutual co-operation between the Faculty and Parents in view of realizing the best measure of success for LaSalle students.

2. To promote a better knowledge of the educational purposes and of the facilities offered by the Christian Brothers at LaSalle College and High School.

Fathers or guardians of LaSalle students, past and present, are eligible for membership in Men of LaSalle. Friends of the school are

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SUGGESTIONS

This is your paper. The staff would appreciate any suggestions you may offer. Address communications to the college.

AN EDITORIAL

A gentle and majestic figure stands out at the close of the seventeenth century, John Baptist de la Salle. Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, educational reformer, and father of modern pedagogy, he belongs to a new world. Like Christopher Columbus, he too was an explorer. He gave an impetus to higher education, and bequeathed a system of teaching that is adaptable to the wants of youth in every country.

There was nothing narrow in his educational plans. He realized that the best Catholic should be among the most skilled in human affairs. He denied, however, the right of the State to bring up children and impose its own teaching on them, in spite of the Church.

Educators who have come after him have borrowed his ideas, and have adopted his plans. All that is best in our educational laws is but an imperfect imitation of his rules.

He was a Frenchman, but not to France alone did he give schools. His Brothers have spread them over the whole world. Today they are found from Paris to New York, from Madrid to Constantinople, from London to Hong-Kong, dispensing Christian education.

Such is the man and Saint whom we, Men of LaSalle, honor in our organization. By supporting his Brothers here in Philadelphia we join the ranks of his followers and fellow-workers in the Christian education of youth.

GERALD P. NUGENT.

A MEMBER says:

No organization should be formed, or permitted to occupy a person's time, unless it has a specific and laudable objective. In addition, the operation and conduct of any organization, however worthy its purpose, must be carried on efficiently, sympathetically and with due regard to sincere convictions of its members.

The "Men of LaSalle," I am certain, subscribe to this viewpoint. While we may have more than one object, the primary purpose is complete co-operation with the good Brothers to whom we have confided our boys. In so doing, we have not shuffled off our own paternal responsibilities. They still exist and must be exercised. Just as we cannot personally teach our own sons, so it is impossible for the Brothers to supervise their home training. But we can and should co-operate with each others. Knowledge and proper discipline under Catholic scholastic practice is more necessary today than ever before. In our "Men of La Salle" Club, we should follow the lead of the Brothers who are peculiarly equipped for the purpose, and show our loyalty and sincerity by accepting their advice and leadership in this most necessary and important endeavor.

JOHN P. BOLAND.

Coming Events

Plans are under way to make the next regularly monthly meeting night on January 17th one to linger long in the memories of those who will attend the meeting.

After a short session of business conducted by the executive committee, the social committee will take over and will endeavor to make the final part of the evening one of enjoyable entertainment.

The chairman of the social committee has secured some very fine talent for the affair. To mention some of the names whom we expect on the program: Charles Diamond, an accomplished pianist, who has played before many audiences, including stage, concert and radio, will be on hand to render a number of piano selections of a variety to please many tastes.

Miss Helen Cassidy, who displays fine ability with a lovely soprano voice, to say nothing of her lovely feminine pulchritude, will be on hand to render a few vocal selections to please the most critical tastes.

Edward Forler, also a well known concert pianist, will supplement our musical program with a selection of compositions of a classical complexion.

Miss Doris Betts, a talented young lady, will perform with the marimba, an instrument usually associated with South American music.

Mr. James Mahoney, a singer of note and well known in Catholic Church choir work, will be there to please with his fine Irish tenor voice. Others will be on hand who we are keeping as a surprise for that evening. Grand entertainment is promised all. Come to LaSalle to enjoy it and to encourage and show your gratitude. to the artists who have planned to be there and also to show their appreciation to the members of the social committee who have worked so diligently to make this meeting an outstanding one and also a successful one.

So come one—come all. A Happy New Year from the Social Committee.

EDW. A. GANLEY

1st Anniversary

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eligible as Associate Members. We are an Association of men loyal to LaSalle.

Of the 250 men attending the initial meeting, which was held in the School Gym, we signed up about 170 "Charter Members." Brother Luke explained the purpose and Constitution of the Club, following which we had entertainment and refreshments. The group was quite enthusiastic, which seemed to assure success from the beginning. Today we have about 450 members which include the Associates.

The next meeting was held in the College Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 13, 1945. This was an important meeting as the officers were elected and plans laid for the activities of the Club. Brother Emilian was inducted as Honorary President of Men of LaSalle. Following this the members were guests of the Athletic Association at a basketball game, and then refreshments were served.

A number of meetings have been held since, including one on Sunday afternoon, May 20th, at which time the revised Constitution and By-Laws were read to the group and adopted by the members after lively discussions and several changes therein.

In the meantime several important affairs were planned and successfully held—the first was "Parochial School Inspection Day," held at the school on Saturday afternoon, April 21, 1945. The attendance was more than anticipated in spite of the inclement weather; the second was the Family Picnic held on Sunday, September 16th, on the School Campus. We were ably assisted by the Brothers in both of these affairs, which are to be fixtures and which are to be held annually.

The Board of Directors was appointed by spring, and the Social, Membership and School Advancement Committees completed by early summer. All, including the officers, are to serve until September, 1946. It was decided to hold elections in May of each year.

The opening fall meeting was held in the College Auditorium on Thursday, October 18, 1945. It was decided to hold meetings monthly on the third Thursday, except over the summer months. Brother D. Luke, who was recently elevated to the Presidency of the College, addressed the gathering, as did several other guest speakers.

The next general meeting was held on Thursday, November 15, 1945. It was decided to dispense with the December meeting, with the opening meeting of the next year to be held on Thursday, January 17, 1946.

It has been an eventful year, the high point being the testimonial dinner given to Brother Luke at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Thursday, November 20, 1945, a grand success, attended by over 500 including honored guests

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