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COLLEGE NOTES

With the Right Rev. Monsignor William Kieran, D. D., presiding, the fifty-first annual commencement of La Salle will be held Wednesday evening, June 12th, at the Broad Street Theatre, at 8 o'clock in the evening. J. Washington Logue, Esq., '79, will address the graduates.

The affair this year will be a marked event, as it will be the first time in the history of the institution that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering will be conferred, and the largest number ever graduating. Certificates will also be given to the students of the Pre-Medical Department who have completed the course, and diplomas will be granted to the graduates of the High School and the Bureau of Commerce.

The response to the Third Liberty Loan drive was most gratifying. Though many of the students had worked for their respective parishes prior to the appeal for the college to do its share, the sum contributed was over \$45,000.

In view of the fact that leading educators of the country are advocating military training in the colleges, it is well to note that La Salle took the initiative in forming a student battalion April, 1917, making military training compulsory. The students since then are drilled two hours a week.

Sir James J. Ryan, K. C. S. G., has presented his portrait with his autograph to the college, and it has a very appropriate position among the other notables that adorn the walls of the college parlors.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the faculty of St. Mary's College, Oakland, Cal., in the loss by fire of their well appointed and well known institution of learning.

Our attention was called to the grand display made by the student battalion from St. John's College, Washington, D. C., at a recent celebration held in the "City of Magnificent Distances." We extend our sincere congratulations.

The feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle, May 15th, was celebrated with due solemnity. Three students of the preparatory class received their first Communion at the hands of the Rev. Peter Cattori, who celebrated Mass at 8.30, in the college chapel. The ceremony was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Edward J. and Charles Griffiths, '90, on the recent bereavement in the family, the loss of their father, who died April 26th.

The students of the second year in the high school held an outing May 9, at Laurel Springs, N. J. The day was devoted to games, boating and fishing. Mrs. J. Burling Jarrett was the hostess

on the occasion, providing the boys with a generous and tempting outlay of good things to eat.

The students of the first year in the high school department held an outing in the same place on May 14th.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed, especially on the water, where canoeing was the order of the day. James Sheehan, Jr., undertook command of the fleet under adverse circumstances.

On invitation of Mr. Sebastian Kueny, the students of the first high "B" were guests at his country home on May 15th. Mr. Kueny's two sons are students in La Salle.

The students of the third year in the high school held a very successful outing in Clementon, N. J., on Friday, May 24th. The day was devoted to boating, baseball and bathing.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The annual contest in public speaking was held in the hall of the gymnasium on Tuesday morning at 11, May 14th. There were four students entered in the contest; the elocutionary efforts of Martin Crane and Alexander Toth called for special notice. The winner will be announced at the commencement. The judges were the Rev. Thomas McKay, D. D.; Rev. Brother F. Maurice, F. S. C., and Ignatius Quinn, Esq., '09.

We are pleased to see the students assist Brother B. Victor, who is making an extra effort this month to make the chapel "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Every Catholic student should take a special pride in bringing flowers and candles to adorn the altar of our Blessed Mother.

The Rev. U. Alban, who was professor of French in La Salle from 1910-1914, died April 4, 1918, and was

buried in the Brothers' Cemetery in Ammendale, Md. Brother B. Victor, at present professor of modern languages in La Salle, represented the college at the funeral ceremonies.

LITERARY ACTIVITIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Nearly every class in the high school has its literary society and a class paper in which the students find opportunities to express themselves in prose and verse. Exercises are held twice a month in the classes, where questions of a literary and historical matter are discussed and which are often the occasion of further stimulating a taste for wholesome reading and a real appreciation of literature.

The *Alpha*, a class record, published by the students of the fourth year high, will make its appearance towards the end of this month. It will be bound in cloth, in Blue and Gold, the colors of the college, and will contain over sixty pages of literary matter. The table of contents list a very creditable array of prose, verse, essays of a serious nature, prose fiction, numerous witticisms; besides this, over thirty illustrations will lend interest and variety to the work. The students are enthusiastic to make this, as a primitive effort, the best of its kind. Under the direction of Brother Dorotheus, head of the department of English in the high school, the class will, in all probability, carry its point.

The regular literary exercises of the third year high will be held on May 29th, when, instead of the reading of the *Spectator*, a debate on a well known subject will be conducted. The *Spectator*, by the way, is the name of the class paper issued by the stu-

dents of the third year high and of which James Clifford is editor. The students of the third year hope to carry their paper over into the senior class of the high school and promise, if they do, that the *Spectator* will eclipse the *Alpha*.

The regular literary exercises of the first year in the high school were held Monday, May 13th, with Alphonsus Deehan presiding. The *Yearling*, the class paper, of which Louis Dornbach is editor, was interesting for a first attempt.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Rev. Edward Curran, '96, who suffered a nervous breakdown a few weeks ago, is somewhat on the mend, and after a much needed vacation will report for duty in St. Anne's parish, where his name is a household word. We congratulate him on his recovery.

In the drive for the Third Liberty Loan, J. Burwood Daly, Esq., '90, had charge of the Catholic end, being a representative from the Third Federal Reserve District. Mr. Daly was the recipient of many messages of good will on his efforts, for the sum contributed by the Catholic Church in Philadelphia was exceptionally successful.

Harry McNichol, '05, was appointed a second lieutenant at the training camp for officers from Camp Meade last week, while Joseph McNichol, '12, is in a direct line for an officer's commission.

Word was received that Joseph Penrose, '11, has been repeatedly promoted in the Ambulance Corps at Allentown, Pa.

Lieutenant Elmer, '17, wrote to us just before he sailed for "over there."

He hopes to give a good account of himself.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Thos. Love, '88, who is manager of the Broad Street Theatre, that playhouse will be at the disposal of the college for the annual commencement which will be held, as previously announced, on Wednesday, June 12th.

Henry Ackenhausen, a student in this year's sophomore class, recently enlisted in the Quartermaster's Department, Camp Upton, New York.

The many friends of Maurice Gill, ex-'15, will be delighted to hear of him. He is in a training camp in Jacksonville, Fla. His brother, John Gill, '11, is at present in Camp Upton, in the infantry.

Lieutenant Joseph A. Barrett, '11, is in the Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y., and a frequent visitor to the Christian Brothers, who conduct an academy in Albany, N. Y.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

La Salle School of Commerce was the only commercial school represented at the Philadelphia Business Show which was held in the First Regiment Armory, April 15-20. Owing to the superior work of our students in stenotypy, the machine way in short-hand, special privilege was granted to Alphonsus Clearkin, Albert Dierkes, George Schneider and Alfred Herrmann to take active part in demonstrating the little machine.

Alphonsus Clearkin, '18, who holds the class championship in stenotypy, 158 words per minute, new matter, has accepted a position with the Stenotype Company. On Monday, May 13th, he began his work as a demonstrator. Six business schools were visited in Baltimore on his first trip in

the new field. During the week of May 20th he visited the commercial schools in various cities between Philadelphia and New York.

In order to encourage eighth grade students who desire a commercial education, and especially to keep them under Catholic influences, this department has been permitted to give exhibitions of its accomplishments in the parochial schools. Brother John and the members of "La Salle Speed Crew" extend their thanks for the hearty reception and interest which was manifested on the occasion of the demonstrations in the following schools: St. Bonaventura's, St. Bonifacius, St. Michael's, St. Peter's, Ascension, and the Cathedral.

In the April typewriting contest the following students won certificates which were awarded by the Remington, L. C. Smith, and Underwood Typewriter Companies: Jas. Arnold, Chris. Fluehr, Jr., Frank Knappick, John Doody, Albert Dierkes, George Schneider, Charles Adami, and Robert Brennan.

Alfred Herrmann holds the typewriting championship in his class, with 63 words per minute, ten minutes' writing.

A special invitation has been extended to the members of the Class '17 to visit the School of Commerce to compare their records with those of the present achievements, and to inspect the modern improvements.

The recent expenses incurred by the installation of office appliances has been partially covered by the generous donations received from the following members, Class '17: Thomas Mellon, Edward McGee, Paul McAdams, John Moraghan, Martin

Hambrose, Maurice Kenney, Frank McKniff. We appreciate your interest. Thank you.

To former graduates and readers of the BUDGET: Kindly notify us of vacant positions or opportunities for our commercial graduates.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

High School Graduates

Recently the high school faculty assembled to vote on applicants for certificates from that department. Over eighty per cent. of the class were passed unanimously. A few others were less fortunate, but their present situation is not a hopeless one. The following, among whom is included nearly all of last year's star athletes, were listed as having very efficiently satisfied all scholastic requirements for graduation:—

William Boyle, John McWilliams, J. Ratigan, Edward De Martini, Thomas McConaghy, Michael Kraczyk, Kenneth Simindinger, Joseph Coscarello, John Nolan, James Farrell, Anthony Ciampi, James Larkin, Joseph Lehman, Edmund Day, D. McElwee, James Walsh.

Through the kindness of the officials of the United Gas Improvement Co., the members of the Chemists' Club made a most interesting and instructive visit to the company's works at Point Breeze and Schuylkill Avenues.

Mr. James Hunt, who was himself at La Salle in '88, met the students in the office and secured the services of Mr. Hodgeson, assistant superintendent of the works, who acted as guide to the party. Every part of the plant was visited and all the processes were most fully and interestingly explained.