

1868-1944

Brothers Of The Christian Schools Complete Seventy-Five Years Of Educational Work On West Coast

FIVE EDUCATORS SERVE TOTAL OF 307 YEARS

Three hundred and seven years of Catholic educational service is the cumulative record of five Christian Brothers still active at various Bay Area schools. All have been members of the Institute for more than sixty years.

In order of length of service they are: Brother V. Leo, sixty-three years; Brother Damian of Mary, sixty-two years; Brothers V. Andrew and Vantasian, sixty-one years, and Brother Vellesian, sixty years.

Dean of the jubilarians is the beloved Brother "White" Leo. Born in San Francisco, Brother V. Leo was among the first boys to attend Sacred Heart College. He entered the Novitiate at Martinez in 1881. After five years as instructor at St. Joseph's Academy, he joined the faculty of St. Mary's College in 1890 and taught continuously there for fifty-four years.

During this period he was Dean of the School of Engineering from 1900 to 1933, served as superior of the Student Brothers' community from 1921 to 1932, acted as Moderator of the Moraga Society of Catholic Poets from 1931 to 1942. For several years he was popular with youngsters of the annual C.Y.O. camp as swimming coach. Still active on the St. Mary's High campus, he is director of recreational activities for the junior department. Brother

FIRST SCHOOL WAS SAINT MARY'S

70,000 Students Have Graduated From Schools Taught By Institute In California Since Civil War Era

Brothers Conduct Ten Types Of Schools In All Parts Of World

Twenty thousand Brothers of the Christian Brothers instruct, free of charge, 300,000 pupils of sixty nations. They direct ten different kinds of schools.

On the Coast the Brothers conduct: St. Mary's College, Moraga Valley; Sacred Heart College, and St. Peter's High School, San Francisco; St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley; Cathedral High School, Los Angeles; Christian Brothers' High School, Sacramento; St. Joseph's Academy, Berkeley.

The Brothers engage in every kind of educational work in behalf of boys and young men. They conduct:

Elementary Parochial Schools, as at: Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Rome, Brussels, Ghent, Barcelona, Madrid, Quito, Bogota, and San Francisco.

Secondary and High Schools of Arts, Science, and Commerce, such as: De La Salle Collegiate, Toronto; St. Joseph's Collegiate, Buffalo; De La Salle Institute, Chicago; Commercial Academy,

* Concluding a full year of Diamond Jubilee activities, the Brothers of the Christian Schools are planning an expanded program of educational work during the next quarter century.

Arriving in San Francisco in the fall of 1868, eight Brothers under the leadership of Brother Justin, F.S.C., LL.D., took charge of St. Mary's College, then located on the Old Mission Road.

The first religious faculty included Brother Justin, president and provincial; Brothers Demetrian, Emilian, Firmian, Gustavus, Sabinian, Geneburn, and Cianan.

Brother Justin established St. Joseph's Academy, 1872; Sacred Heart College, 1874; Christian Brothers School, Sacramento, 1876. Brother Bettelin succeeded him in 1879 and served until 1900.

During Brother Bettelin's administration dozens of young Californians joined the order; several new schools were opened. The years 1879 to 1900 witnessed

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