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## GENERAL PRE-WAR FACTS AND FIGURES

825 Brothers' Schools  
in Europe Alone

Almost two-thirds of the total number.

### 175,000 Children

Receiving education in following of Christ than which there is no higher.

Millions of other children have been moulded into other *Christi* since St. La Salle founded the order in 1684!

### 9,000 Brothers

All devote their entire lives exclusively, not to performing function of Sacred Service or in winning back souls to God, for such is the work of the priesthood, but to forming young minds and hearts in Godliness.

## HISTORICAL PROGRESS IN FACTS AND FIGURES

### 1684 First School Foundation

St. John Baptist de La Salle. Two helpers. One study room. A few indigent children. But—love; trust in God.

### Future

1950

Just as in 1864—love; confidence in God; who will provide for the Christian education of His children, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

## Introductory

At this time in Europe everything is disrupted in some way or other by the war. To give an accurate account, therefore, of the Brothers as they are at the present time would be impossible. We first present facts and figures based on pre-war conditions of Europe; we then indicate what present conditions are.

### France

The cradle of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is here. It was in this country that St. La Salle founded his first schools in 1684. Since that time France has always had the largest number of schools and Brothers. In 1904 laws were passed by the government forbidding the Brothers and others to teach as Religious; consequently the Brothers teach in

## HISTORICAL PROGRESS IN FACTS AND FIGURES

### Recent status 1934

Country	Schools	Broos.
France	462	44
Belgium	147	1,430
Spain	130	1,610
Italy	45	695
Ireland	30	230
England	26	345
Austria	20	300
Germany	16	270
Holland	12	200
Rumania	10	120
Czechland & Poland	7	90

\*\*Figures for France show thousands secularized on estate.

In almost all other European countries are scattered Brothers' schools.

### Present Status 1940

Conditions are not very manifest in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland except that like priests and other religious the Brothers have been subjected to imprisonment, prison, exile, and even martyrdom. In France universal conscription has called most Brothers to the army and necessitated the closing of practically all schools. In Spain, since Franco's victory the Brothers, excepting over a hundred who met death and martyrdom, have reopened their schools.

secular clothes, but still carry on their work on a big scale. However, the present war has called all Brothers of age to the front in various capacities; most of the schools have, therefore, been closed.

### British Isles

Schools have been in a flourishing condition ever since their beginning in 1855. The Government public school system incorporates the Brothers' training and their schools both in England and Ireland.

The "Isle of Saints" has the house of formation for the British Isles.

### Italy

The first school in Italy was opened in 1705 by Brother Gabriel Drolin who was sent to Rome

by St. de la Salle himself. The growth of schools was considerably slowed up due to the influence of the French Revolution on the Italian people. However, the Brothers still have a great influence over Italy's youth even though the number of schools is small. The popular and sensational manifestations of welcome to the relics of St. de la Salle which occurred up and down Italy a few years ago when the relics were brought from Belgium to Rome testify Italy's respect for the Brothers.

### Germany

The Brothers first arrived here in 1850 to establish schools for the poor. Bismarck, during his Kulturkampf against Catholicism, closed all the Brothers' schools, with the exception of one



at Metz. In 1902 the German government permitted the Brothers to take over a reform school; and in 1919 the Brothers were allowed to open schools and teach.

Since the beginning of the present war, all Brothers' schools have been closed, Brothers have been forced to stay in the country, and have been offered strange positions provided they give up their religious life.

### Spain

The first school was erected in Madrid in 1878 by six Brothers. Despite the fact that foundations were begun so late in the Institute's history, up to the time of the recent revolution Spain had over 180 Brothers' schools. Since the revolution, numerous other schools have been established.

### BROTHER ANANIAS DIES AFTER FIFTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE



Brother Ananias Austin F.S.C.

One year after celebrating his golden jubilee, Brother ANANIAS Austin passed to his heavenly reward, Sunday, January 21, in the city of San Francisco.

Due to the strain caused by a delicate operation, his iron constitution bent beneath a surgical tool. Before he passed away he was anointed and received the last sacraments.

Born in Nova Scotia, Canada, as John McEachen, he entered the Martinez Novitiate of the Christian Brothers in the summer of 1889.

From his first years in the classroom Brother Ananias manifested his deep interest in youth. His entire educational career had been taken up with the young boys of the grammar grades. His simplicity and keen sense of humor attracted the little ones to him. A pastor in one of the schools in which he taught, remarked that he had seen no one teach catechism so cleverly to the young as did Brother Ananias.

Brother Ananias finished in 1930 the work of active teaching. However, he performed odd occupations at St. Mary's High School, Berkeley, and then retired to Mont La Salle for the remainder of his days in 1933. From

### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCHOOL Sacramento

February witnessed the first annual minstrel show presented by the students of Christian Brothers School. Acted by the students as six end-men and a chorus of sixty, staged and directed by Brother Cyril, principal, with Brother Leonard's cooperation in stage management, the show was a huge success.

Composed of the fathers of the students and friends of the school the new *La Salle Club* is growing in leaps and bounds. Besides planning more increases in membership up to a quota of six hundred the group is purchasing football equipment for next fall, and making plans for the future buying of equipment for commercial classes as well as the establishment of a placement bureau to help graduates in securing jobs. The officers include Mr. T. Armstrong, State Real Estate Commissioner; Gene Sullivan and Dr. L. Farrell, both graduates of the school, and Brother Norbert, secretary.

### SACRED HEART COLLEGE San Francisco

Former members of the editorial staff of the *Blue and White* will collaborate with the present staff in editing a novel alumni edition in April. The purpose is to popularize the history of the school and to bring closer association between students and alumni.

At the quarterly meeting of the National Council of Catholic Women held at Hotel Oakland in February, the *Ladies' Auxiliary* of Sacred Heart was represented by Mrs. Raymon Callahan, President; Mrs. A. E. Carroll, and Brother Augustine, Moderator.

On Monday, March 4, the *Auxiliary* will hold a paper drive in the school and among the membership for their scholarship fund.

that time he had been known for his cheerfulness and hearty disposition; he never lost his keen wit, his sense of humor, and his religious simplicity. May he rest in peace!

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## *Does this mean you?*

**Young men who love**  
a sane revolution  
are invited  
by Christ  
to share  
His adventure  
of capturing souls  
for God.



**In imitation of Christ,**  
their leader,  
these young rebels  
remove themselves  
from whatsoever  
distracts them  
in preparing  
for their mission.

**In quiet surroundings**  
of entrancing beauty,  
the generous soul,  
intent on becoming  
what Christ was  
so as to do  
what Christ did,  
mounts to the stature  
of a spiritual giant  
by Christ-like prayer,  
by Christ-like study,  
by Christ-like recreation.

**You who dedicate**  
your talents,  
your energy,  
your youth  
to God's work, . . .  
admire Christ.

**You admire Christ because of**  
His indifference  
To secondary things,  
His habit of putting  
First things first,  
His practice of doing  
All things for His Father.

**Yes, you admire Him. . . .**

**Why not imitate Him?**



GRADUATION EXERCISES

MONT LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

(JUNIORATE)

NAPA, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, JUNE THE SECOND  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY



## PROGRAM



"Come Back to Sorrento" . . . . . De Curtis  
"Wiegenlied" . . . . . Brahms

LA SALLE CHORUS



AN OUTLOOK

JOHN STAHL



"Simple Aveu" . . . . . Thome

BROTHER GREGORY . . . . . Violin

BROTHER BENEDICT . . . . . Piano



VALEDICTORY

MERVYN DABOVICH



AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

BROTHER JASPER, PRESIDING



## PROGRAM



"The Clown's Dance" . . . . . Brounoff  
BROTHER GREGORY . . . . . Violin  
BROTHER BENEDICT . . . . . Piano



ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES  
BROTHER S. EDWARD



"Ave Maria" . . . . . Arcadelt  
"Stout Hearted Men" . . . . . Romberg  
STUDENT BROTHERS' CHOIR



CONCLUDING MESSAGE  
BROTHER JASPER



BENEDICTION OF THE MOST  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
SUNG BY THE STUDENT BROTHERS' CHOIR  
IN  
THE BROTHERS' CHAPEL



## GRADUATES



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