

Excerpts From the Sacramento Bee

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Regarding the Construction and

Fundraising For the First

Christian Brothers High School

The Proposed New Catholic College.

EDITORS BEE: The Catholics of Sacramento, city and county, are now raising funds for the purpose of building a college in this city, to be presided over by the Christian Brothers of San Francisco. Their object in this undertaking is to give the boys and young men of this city and vicinity an opportunity of receiving a good moral training, as well as a solid secular education. The college will consist of a day-school for the boys of the city, and a boarding-school for all those who may wish to come from the country to be educated by the Brothers. The day-scholars and boarders will be educated in the

boarders will be educated in the same class-rooms. While the college will be conducted in a Catholic style, like all other institutions presided over by the Christian Brothers, boys and young men of all denominations will be received as day-scholars or boarders, and particular care will be taken by the Brothers that their religious convictions shall not be interfered with. All branches of science will be taught in this institution, and there is an opportunity afforded to the children of the rich and of the poor to fit themselves for whatever calling their parents may wish them to pursue in after-life.

As the college is to be self-sustaining, all who can pay for their tuition will be expected to do so; yet no boy will be excluded from the school because of poverty. The Christian Brothers, according to

their vows, devote all their time and energy to the moral and mental culture of boys and young men; and, as the history of their Order goes to prove, they are the most successful body of teachers in the world. It is to be hoped that Sacramento will soon be blessed with their presence, and thus an opportunity afforded to our boys and young men of receiving a good moral and mental training.

The gentlemen who are now soliciting subscriptions for the cause, are calling on all Sacramentans without distinction of creed or country; and state that they are meeting with a generous response, as might be expected in a community characteristic for their liberality. Why should it not be so? This institution will benefit the city at large. The rich man will have in it an opportunity of giving his son a collegiate education at a nominal expense, instead of being obliged, as at present, to send them

colleges, as at present, to send them to other parts of the State to be educated, and that at a heavy cost. The man in humble circumstances who could never think of paying for his sons in a college outside of Sacramento, will have the same opportunity. It will also benefit those of the surrounding counties, as they can have their sons educated here, where they can visit them from time to time, instead of having to send them to San Francisco and other parts of the State, as they are obliged to do at present.

It is to be hoped then, that those of our fellow citizens who have not been called upon as yet, will respond generously, that the building may be commenced as soon as possible. The college will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000; hence the necessity of a liberal response.

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A GOOD SUM. — The committee in search of subscribers to the fund for the erection of a college for the Christian Brothers in this city have succeeded remarkably well, the list now summing up the grand total of \$9,400. This success shows that not only has an energetic committee had the matter in charge, but that the citizens of this city and county are favorable to the establishment of a first-class educational institution.

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