

## St. Patrick Institute.

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This Community was dedicated to Almighty God, and placed under the protection of St. Patrick by the Most Rev. Joseph S. Alemany Archbishop of San Francisco, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1876.

His Grace delivered an eloquent and telling address on the occasion dwelling chiefly on what the Church has done in every age of her existence for the cause of education. He spoke in terms of great praise of the success of our Brothers in the grand work of Christian education, and predicted that happy results would follow from the establishment of this Community.

His Grace was followed on the stand by Governor Irwin and Adjutant General Walsh of the State of California, the former a Protestant and the latter a Catholic and a former pupil of the Christian Brothers.

Both these gentlemen were very happy and encouraging in their remarks. The House was opened to all visitors, and a great concourse of people both Protestants and Catholics made a thorough inspection of the premises.

The Institution was then handed over by the Pastor Rev. Patrick Scanlan to the Brothers who had to assume all expenses connected with the school and Community from that day forward.

On Monday July the 17<sup>th</sup> the Brothers commenced to receive pupils. There was quite a throng of applicants and during the week all arrangements were completed to commence the classes on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> which was accordingly done with over 200 pupils.

The Brothers who composed the Community were Bro. Cianan, Director,  
 Bro. Alexander Sabast, Sub Director  
 Bro. Samand 2<sup>nd</sup> Classe teacher  
 Bro. William, 3<sup>rd</sup> Classe teacher  
 Bro. Ulfrid Patrick 4<sup>th</sup> Classe teacher  
 Bro. Wenceslaus, teacher of French  
 German, Penmanship and Drawing.  
 Bro. Finton, Prefect.

In less than two months the number of Students increased to 250.

The intention of the Rev. Pastor was that there should be a few boarders to help to support the Community as the charges made for tuition were very moderate ranging from \$3 to \$10 a quarter of 2 1/2 months.

At the end of September there were 12 boarding scholars.

The conditions on which the brothers accepted the Institution were that they could charge such as were able to pay, but could not refuse any pupil on account of non-payment when the parents could not afford.

The Sunday School was commenced on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. All the Catholic boys of the parish were invited by the Pastor to attend Sunday School whether they attended the day school or not. A large number of boys and children who attended the Public schools were received and instructed on Sunday during one hour, from 2 to 3 P.M. The weather being excessively hot it was deemed prudent to only keep them an hour.

### Furniture for Community, and Class-rooms.

The Rev. Father Scanlan furnished four class-rooms with desks sufficient to accommodate 260 pupils. Also, a teacher's desk, and revolver chair for each class. The Community room was well furnished for seven brothers.

### Dormitories.

The brothers dormitory had 7 beds with spring mattresses, a bower and pillow, two pairs of sheets & pillow-slips, one pair of blankets & two spreads for each, to which the Community had to add a pair of blankets for each brother in the course of a week.

There were twenty bedsteads and mattresses for the boys dormitory with a bower and pillow for each. The ordinary cooking apparatus and necessary utensils for the kitchen and dining-room were also provided for about 30 persons. Three tables for dining-room and one for kitchen and a dozen dining-room chairs were also supplied.

The parlors were furnished rather modestly with two small tables and a dozen plain chairs.

The only class-room apparatus procured were two Franklin globes, a terrestrial and

celestial, 2 doz. black-board brushes. 52 doz. pointers. This is all the furniture found in the establishment at our taking charge.

This House and lot belong to the parish, having been built by the people and when handed over to the Brothers had cost over Twenty four Thousand dollars. The Community has to pay the Insurance Taxes, Street assessments &c. without calling on the parish for any more help. The extra fixings which were found necessary for the Community's comfort cost \$250.

The unfurnished part of the house which consisted of three large school rooms on the first floor was completed by the Community in October at a cost of \$943,75

Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 1877  
 I find the record  
 presents clear concise and  
 full in every respect  
 Proprietor

The first public entertainment  
by the students was given on  
May 28th 1879 in the Assembly  
Chamber in the State Capitol  
building. The use of the Chamber  
was kindly granted by Mr Beck  
Secretary of State. Governor Irwin  
presided at the awarding of  
Certificates to the students.  
Several certificates in various special-  
ties were awarded. And the leading  
men of the various orders of Society,  
the Department Board of Education  
in a body and the principal  
State officers attended. Two  
diplomas were given in the Com-  
mercial Department. The  
general opinion of all was that  
the closing exercises were  
a grand success and gave great  
hopes of the future of the Institution.  
The Community left for St.  
Mary's College a day or two  
after the closing and spent  
the vacation in various places  
on account of the great heat-  
here. The Deans Scholastic

year commenced in August, 5<sup>th</sup>  
1877. And after one or two  
weeks the classes were well  
filled. Many new boys were  
entered.

The second Commencement  
Exercises were held in the  
month of June at the State Capital  
on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. The  
Governor, Gen. Devin, presided  
and the Gen. S. Johnson, or  
other, the address to the  
young gentlemen who received  
their diplomas and certificates.

The third Commencement  
Exercises were held in June for  
the year 2<sup>nd</sup> term for 1877-78  
at the State Capital, and the  
address was given by the  
Governor.

The dear Bro. William Smith  
 made a visit to the Convention  
 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October and  
 remained two days.  
 On his departure for about  
 his last visit from Bro. Fisher  
 who was made trustee of the first  
 court held at Bethel. A plan had  
 been devised by California.

Bro. Fisher changed from  
 his residence to San Francisco  
 on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1879 and the  
 dear Bro. Fisher was suc-  
 ceeded by Bro. Bro. Fisher  
 and Bro. Fisher.

Dear Bro. Stephen called  
 to New York Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1879  
 Dear Bro. Bertram arrived  
 Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1880 to replace him  
 as Director.



Dear Bro. Bertram was changed to St. Mary's College, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1880, and dear Bro. Sabinian was installed as director.

Bro. Sabinian was changed to St. Joseph's Academy, Oakland, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1881, and Bro. Bosonis was installed as Director.

Bro. Bosonis was changed to Sacred Heart College, and Bro. Genetum late of the Sacred Heart was installed Director, May, 1<sup>st</sup> 1883.

The Rev. Father Grace, pastor, kindly donated the proceeds of a Raffle to establish a Banking Department, which was put up at a cost of Five Hundred and twenty-five (\$525.00). The opening entertainment was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1884, in the presence of the parents of the Students.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 1889, dear Bro. Cianan Director was transferred to the New St. Mary's College, Oakland, and dear Bro. Bosonius John, Sub-Dtor was installed as Director. Bro. Bertram of St. Mary's College, was made Sub-Dtor.

On Jan. 29, 1892, dear Bro. Cianan returned from St. Mary's College, Oakland, as Director in place of dear Bro. Bosonius John, who was transferred to Temescal, same date.

On July 12, 1894, Bro. Walter E. arrived from St. Mary's College, Oakland, as Director, in place of Brother Cianan, who went to St. Mary's College, Oakland.

In July, 1895, Bro. V. Ambrose arrived from St. Mary's College, Oakland, as Director, in place of Bro. Walter E. Minnold, who returned to St. Mary's College, Oakland.

In July, 1898, Bro. Dellebian, teacher of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class, became Director,

Repleting Bro. V. Andrews, who was  
dismissed in the week of the ill-fated  
Stamper Dispute, while on a voyage  
to Paris to make the long return.

In July 1900, Dr. Hester, <sup>General</sup> was

again appointed Director to replace

Dr. Hester, who was elected to  
St. Mary's College, Oakland, (see page 12)

In 1903, a new wing was ad-  
ded to the main building, at an  
expense of nearly five thousand  
(5000) dollars. This addition was  
the generous gift of Mrs M.  
Bethel of St. Mary's, who  
must never be regarded as a  
benefactor of the community.

The same kind was furnished  
means to decorate the Chapel, and  
also donated two beautiful pictures,  
one of the Blessed Heart, the other  
of the Holy Founder. He has also  
on many occasions, given liberally  
to the community.

In 1906, Dear Bro. Walter Eromind was called to the Mother House, Belgium to do some special literary work for the Institute.

Aug 6, 1906 Dear Brother Florinus arrived as director, from Vancouver and continued in office till Aug. 16, 1909, when he was called to St. Joe.

1909 Brother Victorinus Lea, teacher of the first class, was appointed ~~and~~ director. <sup>1911-14</sup> Brother Florinus returned and after a year, was <sup>1915</sup> succeeded by Brother George, who was here a year, when Brother Victorinus Jasper was named director in Aug. 1915.

1919 In August of present year 1919, Brother Jasper was changed to St. Joseph's Academy, Seattle Park, Berkeley, with full obedience as Sub Director and teacher of First Class.

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1919, Brother St. Vivian received full obedience, to repair to C. B. College, Sacramento as Director and Impulsor of classes.

During the latter part of the vacation of Aug. 1919, and the first month of school following, considerable improvements, in the way of renovating and repairing of building was done by the Rev. Pastor, Father P. Hyatt. The rear part of building and galleries receiving two coats of paint - All the class rooms, private rooms and hall ways etc. were papered, painted or calcimined, inside wood work of doors and wainscoting stained and varnished. All stairs ways were painted, new balustrades placed on landing, heads and wash hall. The galleries were jacked up and new foundations placed under the supports, also sections of the foundation of building were renewed.

On Oct 9 '19 a small fire took place on the roof of the Cullys. The cause was burning suit from the chimney connected with the oil burning range of the kitchen. The alarm given, the boys foiled out into the yard some of the older of whom with two of the brothers did good work in helping to extinguish some of the several small smoldering fires in things etc. The fire department responded promptly: but were very slow in getting into action. The fire took place about 10 o'clock, the pupils were dismissed with the understanding that school would be resumed in the afternoon. All reported for the afternoon session. Damages were small all covered by insurance.

During the vacation of 1920  
our dear Brother Vivian  
was transferred to St. Peter's  
as Director of that Community.  
Brother George who had  
charge of the Business  
Class in this College for the  
past year was made Director  
to succeed Brother Vivian.

December 1921, Brother George  
was appointed pro Director  
of the Sacred Heart College,  
and Brother Velliscam from  
St. Vincent's became Director  
of the College in Sacramento.

In July 1935, Brother Lewis, whose term as Director had expired, was replaced by Brother Ascadius Patrick. Brother Charles was succeeded by Brother Artemius Joseph as Sub-Director.

The former director went "South" and Brother Charles went to Los Angeles. The following made up the community: Brothers Wilfrid, Agatha, Benilde, Damian (of Mary), Albertian, Philip, Ambrose, Dominic, Peter, Benedict, Robert, Kevin, Bertram, and James. Brother Philip's position in the community was a very important one, viz., Prefect, Econome, and Superintendant of the temporal affairs of the house.

The school re-opened on August 26 with an enrollment of 250 boys; an increase of 35 over the previous year. Brother Peter was appointed Moderator of Athletics. Under his wise management, and the able coaching of Jimmy Flynn an alumnus, and graduate of St. Mary's

college and Slips Madigan, our varsity, beat the Sacramento High School football team for the first time in twenty years. It was a sweet victory, 6-0.

In previous years, the policy of eliminating undesirables was not adhered to, but this year it has been strictly enforced with the result that a higher type of student is realized.

On Feb. 10, 1936, Brother Albertian died after a short illness and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery. He was almost 80 years of age, of which 62 were spent in the religious life. He came to Sacramento in 1910, when the school was located at the southwest corner of 12th N, and remained in the community till the time of his death. Tom Gormley, of the Gormley Undertakers, graduate of the school and former student of Brother Albertian conducted the funeral gratis.

On Feb. 21, the annual R.C. Text Book show was held in the



gym. Its purpose is to aid the financially embarrassed students of St. Joseph's Academy and of our own school to procure text books. The net proceeds are divided equally between the two schools. This is one of the outstanding works of Catholic Action in Sacramento, each year.

During March 1936, P. J. Mitchell, an alumnus, addressed the student-body concerning the Columbian Squires, a newly established <sup>national</sup> aggregation sponsored by the knights. Several students were enrolled, with more to join when the society is better known.

In former years, during the month of May, a Garden party was held for the benefit of the school. This year it has been replaced by a Barbecue on the campus, and sponsored by <sup>de Patricks</sup> Bros. Patrick + Phillips under the direction of Bros. Patrick + Phillip. Our old friend, Jerry Mulligan, Asst. Fire chief, was on hand to render his

assistance, as usual. The affair was a grand success - to the tune of \$800 net.

In order to create a friendly spirit & and get the boys of Sado better acquainted with the school, Bro. Patrick brought into being the Catholic Grammar Schools Baseball League. The following schools composed the league; St. Francis, Immac. Conception, Cathedral, St. Patrick's Home, St. Joseph, and our own grammar grades. A beautiful cup, the gift of Bro.

Patrick, was won by St. Patrick's and presented at our Closing Exercises. Shortly after Easter, the Director, announced to the schools of the Diocese that five scholarships would be given by the CBS. to the winners of a competitive examination. The tests were held on May 23, 1936, with these results; St. Francis School won a four-year and a one-year scholarship; Im. Con. two

one year scholarships; Maupsville, a one-year, and our own 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a one-year scholarship. These presents were awarded at our closing exercises.

The "march of Time" has brought to us a report that Bro. Odran, formerly of this community, is teaching the youngsters of a Brothers' school in Belfast, Ireland, the art of American football.

Bro. Benilde has returned to the N. Y. District, his original field of labor, for a permanent stay.

The Closing Exercises were held in the gymnasium on June 10, 1936.

Mr. Thos. Scollan, former Mayor, and now State Senator, gave the address. The bishop gave a few closing remarks. Thirty-six students graduated. The stage was beautifully decorated under the direction of Bros. A. Joseph and Lambert. Mr. Glackin, of the Alhambra Theater, ~~decorated~~<sup>looped</sup> the hangings, and the Y Street Florist, Mr. Comanche,

loaned the flowers, for the occasion,

Thus was brought to an end the 60th year of the labors of the Brothers in Sacramento.

Brother V. Ambrose  
(Com. Historian)

1936 - 1937

Classes were resumed Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.