

greatest friend of youth and one of the greatest benefactors of mankind, in the hope that they may read in detail the biography of his holy career upon this earth. Let it suffice to say that, after a life of labor, of trials, of sorrows, but a life of eminent success, he lived to see schools established in the Faubourgs of St Antoine and St Germain, in Darnetal, Rouen, Dyan, Marseilles, Allais, Grenoble, Mende, Versailles, Boulogne and Rome.

From his solitude on the mountains near Marseilles he went on a pilgrimage to the monastery of St Bruno and thence to Paris and assumed direction of the institution flourishing there. After two years he went to the Saint Yon institute, the house destined to be the scene of the last hours of his eventful life.

He died on the 5th of April 1719, and took his place at the Throne of God the Father where he intercedes for and directs with an eternal love and care the destinies of his children in God, the Brothers of the Christian schools, and the pupils entrusted to their charge. It is scarcely necessary to say that the boundaries of France were soon too narrow for the mission it has been allotted to the sons of Saint De La Salle to accomplish. The blessed robe that marks them from the rest of men is, thanks to God, familiar to the Canadian people. Their schools are numerous in our land and from their schools have come many of those of whom Canada has just reason to be proud.

They have helped beyond conception to make the history of our country a history of prosperity, of peace, of faith and trust in the all wise direction of God.

As our own country has been blessed by their great work so is every other land upon which the sun sheds its light. There is not a country on earth into which the Christian Brothers have not penetrated, not a land unmarked by their footsteps, not a nation whose children do not owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the sons of Saint John Baptist De La Salle.

The Christian Brothers number today 17,000, dispersed among 1,530 houses in various parts of the world; and furnish a thorough course of commercial education to 300,000 children.

May God prosper their noble work and may Saint John Baptist De La Salle look down in love upon his children.