

the masters who were teaching in the schools already established and the second for the new applicants to the order who underwent a course of training. A rule of life was given by the Saint, a habit was chosen and the institution was complete.

When the accommodations of the Brothers became insufficient in their own house he invited them to his, and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1681 the community removed to the home of the ancient family of its founder. This step exasperated his family and excited the criticism of fashionable society folk, for, be it remembered, he was a highly cultured man, his family was one of the foremost of the city and the poor teachers, devoted and zealous as they were, were yet in the scale of social standing of a far humbler class than those among whom the house of la Salle was wont to move. But the noblest child of that family reckoned very little on the value of noble blood and high distinction. He shared with his relations nothing of that false pride which sets itself against association with those of inferior station in life.

He on the contrary was always attached to the poor, and his attachment for them grew stronger with his years. He was annoyed at the shallowness of the criticism passed upon him and disgusted with the insipient remarks of those who gossiped about the wilful crime of lowering the family dignity and betraying its younger members into the society of common teachers.

All this had its effect, not such as his friends had hoped for, but the effect of causing him, with the advice of his confessor and the direction of Almighty God, to abandon his wealth, his ecclesiastical dignity of Canon, his home and everything he owned in this world to become what we saw him at the gate of the city of Marseilles, a poor humble priest. He lived henceforth and maintained his community on the charity of the world. He gave up his birthright of nobility and cast his lot with the plain men who became his disciples in the great work of education. It would take more space than we have at our disposal in the *Annals* to follow the success of the institution from this stage to the death of the Saint. We have but attempted to interest the reader in the life and works of the