

REMARKS OF JOHN E. FOGARTY, M. C. 2ND DISTRICT - LASALLE HOMECOMING GAME  
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The day of a home coming must be a memorable occasion. To us is given for the brief moment at least, the opportunity to recapture the past and live once more among the old, familiar surroundings which conjure up so many pleasant remembrances of times past.

There seems to be no place or scene which does not evoke memories of personalities and experiences so rich in associations that time instead of diminishing, only enhances their significance in our lives.

Our recollections harken back to the Brothers whose unselfish devotion, inexhaustible patience and unbounded faith in our capacity and ability to learn often fascinated and astounded us. Unquestionably, they must have often shared the thought of that noted educator who, in a moment of disgust, wrote:

"Tell my students when I'm dead  
That they need shed no tears;  
For I shall be no more dead,  
Than they have been for years."

If such was their thought, they left it unexpressed. In each of us they saw "the stuff of paradise." Tirelessly, they taught; understandingly they listened; wisely they counseled and selflessly they bore our burdens fortified by the thought that, "Theirs the task sublime,  
To build eternity in time."



Nor can time or absence eclipse the memory of one whose affection for and whose interest in his students and the members of his teams encompassed all their activities. For Jack Cronin's aim was to develop not only good teams, but, more important still, to develop good men; favored by God with tremendous energy and enthusiasm, he utilized these endowments to inspire, to encourage, and to direct others to pursue the good in their daily lives. From the abundance of his warm and generous heart, he "served the youngsters in their daily needs, plucked many a thorn and planted many a flower and had faith in God, himself, and his fellow man."

Rich as our heritage may be in reminiscences, the old order must change and give place to the new. And that part of the new which will become the heritage of tomorrow is the admirable innovation of publicly recognizing and rewarding excellence in athletic achievements. It is a pleasure indeed to offer congratulations to ROBERT BELLEMORE whose distinctive achievements in the field of sports merit this award and public commendation.



In a spirit of faith and affectionate regard for our teachers and classmates who, in answer to God's call, have entered the bourne from which no man returns, let us prayerfully supplicate that through God's mercy, their souls may rest in peace.