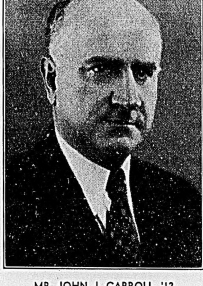


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MR. JOHN J. CARROLL, '12

A well equipped combination chapel and auditorium is very definitely included on the Canisius college campus of the future as visualized by John J. Carroll, '12, the alumni's energetic president. Mr. Carroll is not only an idealist, but a sound realist, as well. Therefore he originated the idea of the Fr. Sindele Memorial Fund Drive, to collect alumni contributions for the construction of this combination chapel-auditorium in the new Horan building. A committee with the Rev. Henry Laudenbach, LL.D., as chairman conducted the first drive last year during the week of February ninth, the anniversary of Fr. Sindele's death. The five thousand dollars which this drive netted, proved the practicality of the plan.

State Industrial Board Member

In public life, Mr. Carroll has become prominent in the field of labor relations as a member of the State Industrial Board, to which he was appointed by Governor Lehman four years ago. This board of five members of whom Mr. Carroll is sole up-state representative is an appellate board having jurisdiction over the review of cases involving the Workmen's Compensation Laws. Mr. Carroll explained the functions of the board, "Any employee injured during the course of employment, who is dissatisfied with the settlement of the company for his disability, has the right to petition for a reconsideration of his compensation claim. The case is then reviewed by a member of our board who hands down a final decision." Mr. Carroll's work as a board member carries him to all parts of the state and therefore he is seldom found at his Niagara Falls law office.

Canisius Degree Valuable

Does Mr. Carroll consider his Canisius training valuable? He certainly does. "The Canisius college student has an excellent opportunity to develop a desire for truth and a great love of justice, two very valuable assets in carrying him through life," said Mr. Carroll. "His education gives him an interest not only in his own particular profession but also in the social and economic problems of the day. He develops a sense of balance, judgment and proper action, an ability to dynamically apply the abstract principles studied in philosophy."

Hope for Logicians

Most important subjects of philosophy Mr. Carroll considers Logic and Ethics. "Logic teaches one the rudiments of argumentation, a science seemingly unknown to some of the country's best known speakers. For example, the argumentum *ad hominem* is continually being used today. Speakers try to discredit the worth of their opponent's arguments merely because of a family scandal or something equally absurd. Logic has been especially valuable to me in investigating compensation cases. When reviewing hundreds of pages of testimony, it is necessary to pick out the real point of disagreement and the worth of the respective arguments."

Economics — Part of Ethics

"An understanding of present labor problems," said Mr. Carroll, "is merely an understanding of the fundamental tenets of economics and ethics." "Economics is a part of ethics and is best studied as a science dealing with human beings, their needs and the filling of these needs. Economics cannot be reduced to an abstract science studying production and related subjects, but failing to consider those affected, ourselves."