

SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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 Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

June 22, 2016

Dear Friends & Members,

The Society had another successful Tour Of Homes due to Anita Giani's leadership the effort of those who worked tirelessly on the event. Many thanks to all.

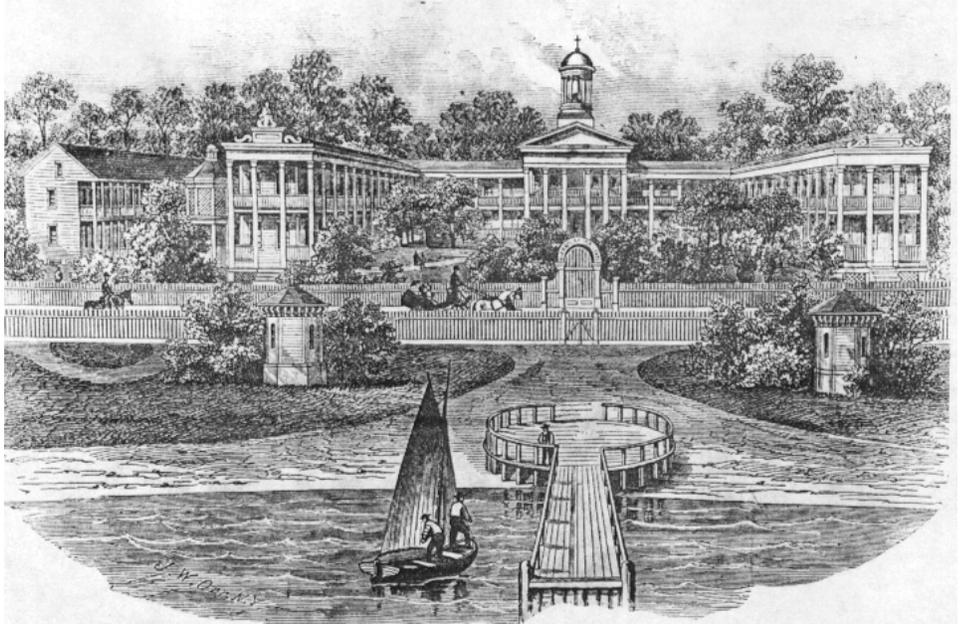
Work Party The closets need to be organized again and June 25 has been set aside as a work day to accomplish that chore. The start time is 9:00 am and shouldn't last beyond noon and perhaps even earlier.

Oral History There are a number of senior citizens living in the Pass who's memories of growing up here can be very valuable in preserving the history of Pass Christian. The Society has the equipment to do this but needs someone to coordinate and interview those citizens. If you are interested in conducting these interviews, please advise us so these memories can be recorded before they are gone forever.

Membership Meetings Monday evening Membership Meetings are suspended during the months of June, July and August because so many people are out of town but the monthly lunches continue.

Wendy Allard, Program Chair, has been getting some very good speakers so plan to join us for lunch on the 4th Monday of each month. Remember to get your reservation in by 3 pm of the Friday immediately prior to the lunch date to assure that you will a lunch.

—Virgil Harris and the Board of Trustees



Christian Brother's College (ca 1866-1876). Prior to the Civil War the College had been a Hotel operating under various names (and in the letter below is called the McDonough Hotel. It stood on the Miramar Nursing Home site, just west of present-day City Hall.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. Work party organizing shelves etc. at the PCHS. Should be over by noon.

Summer Monday Luncheons

Summer luncheons are on the fourth Monday of the month at noon. Please get your reservations in by 3 p.m. on the preceding Friday. These are brown-bag \$10 luncheons -- lunch is not provided, but beverages are.

June 27, noon. We will welcome author **Thomas Simmons** who will speak about the historic background for his book "By Accident of Birth." (We apologize for the lack of advanced notice.)

July 25, noon. **Stacey Watts** will speak about the role of women in the Civil War on Ship Island and the Gulf Coast.

August, noon Speaker to be announced (via email only). You may also check the Society's website.

Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Monthly evening are scheduled to resume after a summer recess.

150 Years ago at the Pass

PASS CHRISTIAN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the N. O. Times (July 31, 1866) —

Constrained by "circumstances not necessary to mention" to live immured within the precincts of the Crescent City for the last few years, we have at last found an opportunity to make a pleasant trip across the Lake, where, what with aquatic and what with atmospheric

enjoyment, we feel already quite rejuvenated.

Man-Made Concoctions vs. Nature

Talk of Red Jacket, Grey Jacket, Hostetter's juleps, smashes, etc., ad infinitum; these in your brick-and-mortar reflecting heated atmosphere, have their uses and abuses, and doubtless, in spite of the latter, endow the overtaxed physical and intellectual man with new vigor; but here, nature herself, spurning the artifices of patent concoctions, effects the work of reinvigorating by the free distribution of the life-giving principles emanating from her ever-living laboratory.

And, oh, how exquisite to feel the balmy, celestial evening breezes, wafted over the surface of the briny deep inflating the organs of respiration and chasing away by their agreeable abrasion the shallowness imperceptibly acquired by most people restricted to urban life.

Easy Travel and Cordial Welcome

Already your correspondent puts on airs, and wonders why more of your city population do not trip it over on the Camellia, the Creole, or the Mary, and experience in their own proper persons, the delightful contrast.

Still more is he surprised at the infatuation which drives our Southern people into distant regions in search of enjoyment, when they could have it here to much greater advantage, with an atmosphere unsurpassed in salubrity, and among a people of congenial feelings, who would be but too happy to extend to them a cordial welcome.

Pass Christian Progressiveness

I am told that there is a corporation here regularly organized, with all the official adjuncts; but I have not learned whether the officials have so far advanced in the

adroitness of governmental administration as to have had yet on the tap is any instance of malfeasance in office, and the consequent impeachment, injunction, obstruction of the channels of justice, and all the et ceteras which make us so formidable a case in favor of modern progression.

The indications are that the Pass Christiannians's progressiveness is of a very different order, as evidenced by the many specimens of neat cottage architecture, and the numerous ligneous projections into the water, having at the extremity of each a miniature edifice of primitive architectural pretensions, but not, on that account, any the less adapted to the purpose of utility for which they are designed.

Institutions of Learning—College

Pass Christian is favored with some fine institutions of learning. The most noticeable are the seminary of Dr. Savage, and the college recently established by the Christian Brothers, in the extensive and commodious building known, in the happy days of yore, as "The McDonough Hotel."

We had the privilege of visiting the playgrounds and ornamental grounds of this institution, the class-rooms, study rooms, refectory, dormitories, and bathing-houses, and we can say, without exaggeration, that there is not on the whole continent of America a more magnificent situation for a college, nor a building better adapted to the purpose of education.

In fact, in comparison with others that we have seen, it is, in all its appointments, a perfect palace; and the students, young and old (for there are some grown men studying there), "seem happy as kings."

Instructors

We are assured that the Director of this establishment intends to make it the Institute of the South; and to this end, Professors of the highest order of talent and acquired knowledge are selected, and induced by liberal salaries to make themselves permanent.

The Christian Brothers themselves take care of the moral department of the pupils and the enforcement of the rules of order. Their success in these departments is too well established to need our special commendation.

Salutiferous Pass Christian

The tout ensemble of Pass Christian is the most inviting of any that we know of, and we are confident that our pen can be employed to no better service this sultry season, than in that of encouraging your reader to seize the first opportunity of trying the salutiferous effects of this quiet, but charming watering place.

OBSERVATEUR.

Policy Statement Regarding Luncheon Meetings

The success of the Monday lunch is very gratifying and the Board is delighted with the attendance. However, that has created a problem. The problem is that we cannot feed all who have been showing up because it takes some lead time to prepare the food. The problem is compounded by the fact that some walk-ins are being served and those with reservations do not get a lunch. To remedy this problem, the Board has adopted the following policy. *Food will be prepared only for those who make reservations by 3 PM on the Friday just prior to the luncheon meeting.* And because of the seating capacity, the total number of reservations will be limited to 40. This does not preclude walk-ins from attending. *Should you make a reservation, you must claim your lunch by Noon or you risk the possibility of it being served to a walk-in guest.*

Please note: attendance at the monthly luncheon is \$10 (\$12 non members). This fee applies to reservations as well as walk-ins. And whether you have lunch or not. So please make reservations early.

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