

What Is The Prize?

Everytime that a contest is announced most persons immediately pop the question, "What is the prize?" If the prize is a valuable one, they'll enter the competition, but if the prize is only a trifle, or if there is no prize, they won't think of competing.

To this kind of persons, one should never enter in a contest unless the prize is a round-the-world trip, or anything that has an equivalent value that can be expressed in at least four figures.

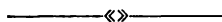
They don't find any glory in winning just to get the honor, the distinction of being the leader in such a line, whether it be sports, spelling contests, endurance flights, etc.

But there are persons who enter competitions not with any mercenary motive, but just for the honor to be achieved in winning that contest. This is the kind of people that make to raise

the standards of competition in all branches of human struggles.

The best example that we have of this sort of persons who enter competitions just for the honor to be achieved, is Sir Thomas Lipton. He spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on a ship, just to win a cup worth a few hundred dollars. Does he care for the value of the cup? Not for its objective value, certainly. But for the honor of having the world's fastest boat.

This example should be followed by all students when any competition is started. Don't ask, "What is the prize?", but go into it, heart and soul, just for the honor of being a winner, or a leader, a top-notch in a chosen field, whether it be sports, literature, or any competition that may start in which you have a chance to win. Go into it whether there is a prize or not, not for the prize, but for the honor and distinction to be achieved.



Cleanliness

It is rather disagreeable to note the state in which most of our classrooms are to be found during afternoons. One often sees papers and other rubbish strewn about the floor. This is a step to carelessness and then—to disorder and loss of discipline.

We are never better pleased in receiving visitors, than when our homes are spic and span. Does not the same hold good with the College? What would we think if some one were to come to our house and make it anything but what it should be? Then, we should not do unto others what we do not wish done to ourselves.

Besides, a true La Sallite must at all

times make it a point to defend his Alma Mater. He must refrain from doing anything tending to belittle her. His great desire must be to stamp a favourable and vivid impression on the visitor of the model college that is La Salle. Considering all students to be LA SALLITES, we appeal to their cooperation in this small sacrifice—if it can be called such.

Furthermore, respect for one's self is shown in neatness and cleanliness, and these go far to win the respect of others. It is high time for us all to have developed this. Thus, when we step into the world, we need not make an effort to be neat or clean; they have become part and parcel of ourselves.