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EDITORIAL

In four years Pasquaney will observe its seventy-fifth anniversary. Certainly three quarters of a century is a remarkable record for any summer camp to achieve, but we must now ask ourselves how can we continue the Pasquaney tradition in the decades ahead.

During the past eight weeks, we have heard many Tree Talks and Sermons elaborating upon the ideals and values for which Pasquaney exists. On the last Sunday Mr. Charlie spoke to us in Chapel on Loyalty. Bob Bulkeley then cautioned us about the difficulties we shall encounter today in our mature commitment to the ideals, values, and standards we have acquired at Pasquaney. As Bob told us it will be difficult to retain these abstract concepts of the perfect form when we go out into the self-centered world of today. But we must have faith and not despair should these ideals be found dormant in ourselves or others, for they are still true and meaningful. Despite the hazards in our commitments, we need only to connect to succeed — connect ourselves to something greater, to the Pasquaney ideal and to the Christian ideal.

Secondly, Dave Hughes spoke to us on responsibility. We must have the sense of responsibility to fulfill our commitments. “To think for yourself and for others: this, in basic terms, is responsibility.” A sense of responsibility entails organization, honesty and awareness. We, as boys and counsellors, have the responsibility to uphold the Pasquaney tradition.

One essential quality in the fulfillment of our commitments is that of perseverance. In his Tree Talk on the subject, Dick Beyer said: “Perseverance is of paramount importance when you begin any worthwhile task. It is absolutely essential for any accomplishment. There is no such thing as success without energy and perseverance.” But he also rightly warns us: “Temporary failure is the real test of your perseverance. For seventy-one years Pasquaney boys have persevered in a joint commitment to camp. In the minds of many, we have passed the test. But this fact should not cause us to eliminate the possibility of failure in our lifetime. Dr. Sherwin described failure as being “a vital part” of our respective lives. Should we meet with failures someday, he advised us: ” ... grow from them, gain from them, and give your best to others from that time on because of them.”

Once we have grasped the responsibility to persevere in the fulfillment of our commitments to Pasquaney, we must obtain a sense of brotherhood. In Butch commitments to Pasquaney, we must obtain a sense of brotherhood. In Butch West’s opinion:

“Brotherhood, more than anything else, is a way of thought, a way of looking at the world — and in some cases a way of life. It is a concept that consists of a tolerance, an understanding, and a sacrifice of one man for another.” This concept of giving up ourselves to others will further exemplify the ideals set forth by Mr. Ned and will also facilitate our daily lives.

In 1915, fifty years ago, an editorial appeared in the Annual marking the twenty- first season at Pasquaney that said: “It proves that the ideal is worthy, and it means that devotion to that ideal accounts for the success achieved.” It continued to say that Pasquaney had emphasized ideals which appeal, “whether it be an awakening to a sense of duty, a realization of the insignificance of the individual alone, or a stirring of a true purpose in life...”

Whether or not each of us has drawn an inspiration from Pasquaney this summer depends upon us as individuals. If Pasquaney has succeeded this summer, we must be ever loyal and responsible in our commitments to the great tradition we have inherited. And only with qualities of perseverance, brotherhood and others, which have been the basis of our Sermons and Tree Talks this summer may we hope to continue our job. With God’s help may we in the years ahead sense and inherit the spirit of Pasquaney, which lives serene and unchanged forever in our troubled civilization.