







# Foreword

A college yearbook should be a treasure house of memories—mostly happy memories of undergraduate days. With this thought in mind, the editors and staff of the 1952 FRANCISCAN have worked during the last scholastic year. Both with pictures and with words we have attempted to capture and preserve part of the whole—a good part, we hope—of college life.

In planning the FRANCISCAN early last summer, we decided to use the “buried treasure” theme throughout the book. The treasure hunter was meant to symbolize each and every one of us, for indeed, we are all treasure hunters in the sense that we are all seeking happiness of a sort. But not merely the happiness which is produced by authority, fame or material gain alone, albeit such happiness is not unwelcome; rather, the felicity to which we refer is of a more subtle, more spiritual nature; in short, the happiness which only pleasant memories can bring.

We won't be long out of St. Francis before those inconveniences, disappointments, and minor tragedies which college life entails will be forgotten. Perhaps in retrospect, the plugging, cramming, and those maleficent photostats will be thought trivial or even amusing. However, there are many things which are connected with college life which we will never wish to forget—the instances of student comradeship, the joviality, those times in which we felt our evolution to something better—these will be remembered and cherished. In our own small way, armed with pen, brush, and flashbulb (inadequate tools that they are), we have hoped to garner some of those golden nuggets of college life and store them in a place where they shall ever retain their glitter. We sincerely hope that we have been successful in our project.