

# Retreat Precedes Vacation

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FORMER PRESIDENT AT MATERNITY CHURCH

Requiem Mass Celebrated By Most Rev. Joseph P. Lynch; Bishop McGavick; Bishop Hoban Present

St. Viator College was plunged into mourning on the evening of March 10 by the death of the Very Reverend M. J. Marsile, C. S. V., who passed away at 9:35 o'clock at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Father Marsile was widely known and much beloved by the alumni and friends of St. Viator College, as he had been its President from September, 1879, to June, 1907.

### Funeral Services

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, March 14, at 10:30 a. m. from the Church of the Maternity in Bourbonnais. Solemn pontifical requiem Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph P. Lynch, D. D., Bishop of Dallas, Texas, one of Father Marsile's former students, and the sermon was preached by the Reverend P. C. Conway, pastor of Nativity Church in Chicago. The Deacon of the Mass was Rev. Joseph V. LaMarre, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Chicago, Father Marsile's nephew. The subdeacon was Rev. John B. Suprenant of Saginaw, Michigan. The deacons of honor were Rev. J. H. Nawn of La Grange, Illinois, and Rev. S. N. Moore, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington, Ill. Rev. T. E. Shea of Pontiac was Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Rev. W. F. Keefe of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Rev. W. J. Cracknell, C. S. V., The acolytes were Rev. L. M. O'Connor of Urbana, Illinois, and Rev. A. Girard of Mokena, Illinois. The thurifers were Rev. F. Cleary of Watseka, Illinois, and Rev. A. J. Savary of Manteno, Illinois. Mass was celebrated at the side altars by the Very Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, C. S. V., Provincial of the Viatorians, and Rev. J. D. LaPlante, C. S. V.

### Distinguished Alumni Attend

The funeral services were attended by the Most Rev. A. J. McGavick, D. D., Bishop of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, who was one of Father Marsile's best-

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## Auiliary Visits St. Bernard Hall

The proceeds of a Bridge Party held at the home of Mrs. Mottram, in Chicago, were used to a very good purpose in favor of St. Bernard Hall by the St. Bernard's Auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Boadecker motored down to Bourbonnais on the twenty ninth of March in the role of vernal Santa Claus.

The auxiliary necessarily inactive for some time, has resumed its work and is showing great enthusiasm and interest in the scholastic and its needs.

Father Munsch wishes to thank all who contributed so handsomely to this latest 'show'.

The debating team has a penchant (?) for flat tires and picking up motor trouble. Just ask any debater.

## BERGIN DEBATERS DOWN SHURTLEFF

Win From Illinois College; Lose To Normal

The Affirmative debating team of St. Viator College completed its part of the Conference schedule with a clean record by winning decisions over Illinois College of Jacksonville and Shurtleff College of Alton. According to the last report received from G. E. Oliver, Secretary of the Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League, the Viator Affirmative team is the only school thus far to win all of its Conference matches.

On the afternoon of Monday, March 13, the Affirmative team of Viator debated Shurtleff College before the student body of Cathedral high school at Springfield. The debate was the closest fought contest this season in Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Brown, the Shurtleff team possessed two debaters of very high calibre. The experience of Messrs. Wenthe and Hoover, composing the Viator team, proved to be the deciding factor in the debate. Their skilful and clever refutations of the objections brought forward against their plan of Guarantee of Deposits prompted high

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## SHEEN LECTURES SECURE CONVERTS

Radio Talks Of Alumnus Very Successful

The series of radio lectures on the "Catholic Hour", sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Men, given by Rev. Dr. Fulton Sheen, S. T. D., Ph. D., LL. D., was largely responsible for the turning to the Faith of Colonel and Mrs. Horace A. Mann. Colonel Mann headed the Southern Division of the Republican National Committee, in the Presidential Campaign of 1928. Dr. Sheen has been instructing these distinguished converts for three months previous to their reception by him into the Church on March 17.

Fulton Sheen was graduated from St. Viator College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1917. Since that time he has studied on the Continent where he was associated with the Neo-Scholastic movement instituted by Cardinal Mercier, carried on at the University of Louvain.

Fr. Sheen is the author of several books, the latest is "Moods and Truths". He was assisted in preparing this book for publication by James A. Nolan, a graduate of '29. Two years ago he was the commencement Day Speaker at the College at which time the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws and Letters was conferred upon him.

## SOCIAL SORORITY HOLDS CAKE SALE

The Social Sorority added a new scheme to its program of social and business activities for the year when it introduced a cake sale, March twenty fourth. The response of the remainder of the students was noble not in the sense that it required any great courage to make way with the culinary chef-d'oeuvres of the coeds, but in that every bit of the cake was sold and a very successful return for the sorority treasury thus effected.

The students are eagerly awaiting a repetition of the event and are curious as to what endeavor the sorority will next undertake. The versatility of the organization is so great that the less imaginative portion of the student body is somewhat open-mouthed in its amazement.

## DR. CARDINAL HAS IRC DISCUSSION

Speaks On Hitler And German Problems

Appearing before the International Relations Club for the second time this year, the Rev. E. V. Cardinal, C. S. V., head of the department of history, led a most interesting discussion on Hitler and present-day Germany. Father Cardinal's review of the dynamic dictator of Germany, like his discussion of Mussolini, was very interesting and informative.

### Nazi History

In the remarks preliminary to the discussion, Father Cardinal explained the organization and history of the Nazi movement. The life of Hitler was briefly reviewed, and his personal characteristics commented upon. After a concise review of the political situation in the country which caused the rise of the Nazis and the relationships existing between the Communists, the Centrists and the Hitlerites, the problems facing the new dictator were explained and the meeting thrown open to discussion.

### Largest Meeting

A very great amount of interest was manifested in the meeting, approximately seventy students attending. Considerable discussion was held after the talk, the general trend centering around the problems of the unification of Germany and Austria, the Polish corridor, and the Nazi attitude towards the Jews.

President Robert A. Nolan announced that the next meeting of the Club will be held on April 24th, with the subject for discussion, "The Polish Corridor". The question of members going to the Manchester meeting was brought up, but at the present time there is not a sufficient number able to attend to warrant representation.

The social sorority is planning to give a combination card and dancing party in the College refectory shortly after the Easter vacation.

## REV. T. E. SHEA WILL CONDUCT YEARLY SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

Alumnus, Noted Speaker, Ex-Chancellor Of Peoria Diocese To Preach Students' Pre-Easter Retreat

## ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT MOTHERS CLUB

Newly Decorated Sorority Rooms Scene

The Mothers Club of St. Viator College held a special meeting in the Sorority rooms of Marsile Hall, March fourteenth. The evening was featured by the lecture delivered by Dr. E. V. Cardinal, C. S. V., head of the History department, on the subject of Italy's dictator Premier, Mussolini. Dr. Cardinal is an authority on Italian political life having spent considerable time there while writing on his doctorate dissertation—Cardinal Campeggio. The College orchestra played several modern selections during the course of the evening. The members of the Social Sorority helped to serve the luncheon which concluded the evening.

The Sorority boasts of new and very beautiful draperies purchased from the proceeds of their many entertainments which have done so much to enliven the social life of the college. The scene for the meeting of the Mothers Club was very effective, and the evening most profitably and enjoyably spent by the mothers and their guests. Miss Genevieve Adams was chairman of the arrangements committee formed for the evening to assist the Mothers Club.

## "YES" WRANGLERS TO MEET ROSARY

River Forest College To Argue War Debts

Robert A. Nolan, Debate Manager, has announced that arrangements are being made for a debate with Rosary College of River Forest, Illinois. The question to be debated is resolved: "That the United States should cancel the Inter-Allied War Debts". Although this is not the regular debate question for the Viator forensic artists, they have debated it once before this season against Xavier University.

A final date for the contest has not as yet been agreed upon. However, April fourth has been set as a temporary date. This debate will in all probability close the season for the Bergin debating members. Although there is a rumor about the Campus that plans are being made to entertain the Mundein College debaters sometime in April, Mr. Nolan could not be reached for a confirmation of this rumor.

Mrs. F. G. Snow recently delivered a very interesting lecture on the general subject of budgeting before the students of Prof. Harold Crawford's economic classes. A large number of other students were in attendance and reported the lecture as being most instructive.

Rev. Thomas E. Shea, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Pontiac, Illinois, will preach the annual student retreat beginning April 12, and ending Holy Saturday, April 15. The retreat, being one of the most important events in the college calendar is fittingly held at the end of the Holy Season of Lent including those sorrowful days of Holy Week, Thursday until Saturday. With it the long period of self denial is closed—a time of introspection. All Catholic Resident and Day students are required to attend and are impressed with the solemnity of the event. The College president secures a retreat master of the highest ability. Every effort is made to provide the students with the rare advantage of a retreat well made, and they are enabled to return to their homes for the Eastertide with a clearer realization of their relations in this world and the next.

### A Great Orator

The selection of Fr. Shea for Retreat Master is a particularly happy one. A graduate of both the Academy, 1912, and the College of St. Viator, 1916, he taught while he studied theology. After finishing his studies at St. Paul he was ordained in 1921 at Peoria, by Most Rev. Edmund M. Dunne. He was assigned to Holy Trinity Parish, Bloomington where he served until 1928, when he was called to Peoria to act as Chancellor of the diocese. Desiring to take up parish work again, his appointment as successor to the late Fr. Cannon at St. Mary's, Pontiac, August, 1932, was most welcome. His farewell address in St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, where he had been so well appreciated was a masterly oration, and his many friends were deeply moved by it, as well as by his retirement from the chancellorship which occasioned it.

## Students Apply For World's Fair Work

A number of the College students intend to take positions at the World Fair with the company holding the concession of furnishing students as guides to visitors. The position is reserved for those who have higher education because it involves a certain knowledge of the many industrial and artistic exhibits.

March 26 a representative of the company was entertained at dinner by Rev. Christopher Marzano, C. S. V., and later spoke to the applicants concerning their duties and the many details of uniform and salary connected with their positions.

Brother Michael O'Connor, C. S. V., spent several days last week undergoing observation in a Chicago hospital for the serious stomach trouble from which he is suffering.



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## THE PASSING OF A MAN

Father Marsile is dead. With the passing of this venerable patriarch the Clerics of Saint Viator sustained a loss which they can never hope to repair. The surpassing beauty of his life has long stood as an inspiration for all who have felt its silent, quiet power. During the last years of his long and fruitful period, when time had despoiled him of the strength and spirit of youth, leaving him broken in health, begirt with the infirmity of old age, his Catholic faith remained as steady and unwavering as it had been when, as a young child, he knelt at the table of the Lord to receive His Body for the first time. The sight of him in the chapel, in silent communion with his Creator, has fired many an adolescent soul; indeed, his salutary example has wrought more good than have a dozen enthusiastic priests expatiating in the classroom on Christian doctrine. We are told that Saint Therese, chiefly through prayer and example, worked the salvation of countless souls, though she never moved beyond the limits of the cloister. Example, the most persuasive of teachers, was the gentle, unobtrusive inoculating of Father Marsile. Nor will the memory of his edifying life be soon forgotten. The soul of Father Marsile has passed; his weary body lies at rest in its grave, but his spirit remains and endures, to spur a faltering soul on to its eternal destiny.

I begin to doubt the efficacy of my words. A certain Bishop, in removing the custom of funeral eulogies from his diocese, declared that those souls who walk in the ways of God do not need their virtues extolled, while those who live apathetic to Christian morality do not deserve a panegyric. There is certainly justification for the Bishop's position. Those who have seen Father Marsile fingering his beads before the image of Our Lady need not be reminded of his saintly ways, while those whom his influence has not reached will be left with an inadequate concept of him by these lines.

We do not mourn the passing of Father Marsile. Rather, we rejoice in the glory that is now his. His death was an awakening—an awakening to life immortal, for is not earthly life "but a sleep and a forgotten?" in a little volume of Father Marsile's poetry we find:

"Mourir est moins triste que vivre  
Aux jours de desolation.  
C'est ainsi que Dieu nous elivre:  
Il est la vie, il est la resurrection!"

Mourning and lamentation is born of selfishness, and is spent more properly on tragedy. Father Marsile passed his long and happy life in the faithful service of the God Who created him, and peacefully and beautifully, in the odor of sanctity, he died. His life was a shining success. What in that is tragedy? Rather, what thoughts for a beautiful romance his life furnishes!

Father Marsile, we bid you farewell. We, your boys, shall ever cherish in our hearts the light, radiant and effulgent, of the faith you held so dear. We are fully cognizant of the task that lies charted before us, a task extenuated by your good example. As we loved you in life, so now we honor your memory. May every felicity of Heaven be yours. May every glory of triumph be ours.

## In Memoriam

Rev. M. J. MARSILE, C. S. V.  
1846—1933

No more your shepherd voice  
Draws blessings from the skies,  
Or bids the aching heart rejoice  
Or earth-crushed truth arise;  
In Paradise it thrills  
With melodies so sweet,  
The gladsome psalms you sing  
No mortal may repeat!

No more your mystic eyes  
Bespeak Christ's love divine  
No more their jewelled tears  
Enrich life's ruddy wine;  
But blind to earthly sense,  
Those orbs once sparkling bright  
In brilliance beam above  
With love's celestial light.

Now reaf your anxious ear  
To earthly sighs each one,  
To song and laughter too,  
Their priestly task is done;  
The sobs of care forgot  
And terrene music ceased,  
Now angelic symphonies  
Make glad your heart, O Priest!

No more your gentle hands  
Will ill of life caress  
Or guide man's erring feet,  
Or extended be to bless;  
But peacefully they lie  
Beneath the shrouding sod,  
At rest from ardent toil  
The hands that once held God!

Your feet have ceased to tread  
O'er life's tumultuous way  
In search of wandering sheep,  
Or lambs gone far astray;  
Your Patriarch years are spent  
No need to travel on,  
Your journeying is o'er  
The pilgrimage is done.

Your zealous heart is stilled,  
The heart that knew the glow  
Of life and love and sympathy,  
Of sorrow and of weep;  
Now in the Heart of God  
Has found securer rest,  
Free from all vain alarms  
Within the Master's Breast.  
O Courtier of God

Ambassador of the King,  
Eternal joys, Beatitude  
Reward your championing;  
Rest, rest, serenely rest!  
You labored not in vain  
Though troubled are our mournful hearts

Our loss is Heaven's gain!  
(Rev. James A. Williams.)

## Students Visit High School Exhibition

Several students of the education class in extra-curricular activities attended the open-house program of Kankakee High School Friday, March 31. They gave a very interesting and instructive report to their classmates who did not attend.

The program consisted of exhibitions from various classes in the school in which the artistic element was very developed. The gymnastics and swimming exhibitions were enjoyed. The program of music given in the auditorium at nine o'clock by the glee club, chorus, and band was excellent.

The many valuable projects of Kankakee High School from time to time are the subject of profitable discussions in the education classes. Former students of the local school are well informed on its program of activities.

Rev. James Lowney, C. S. V., and Rev. E. M. Kelly, C. S. V., attended the intra-city boxing match held in Chicago between the Golden Gloves champions and the representatives of New York City.

Bourke Monahan and Kenneth Bushman after the Easter vacation will take the Knights of Columbus examination for scholarships to the Catholic University of America. Several graduates of St. Viator have won scholarships and are now doing post-graduate work for degrees of master and doctor in the University. The examination is given at the College by Prof. Kennedy.

Jack Ryan, prominent alumnus, now employed by the Herald and Examiner of Chicago, was married at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Chicago, February 21 to Miss Teresa Larimer, of Chicago. After a wedding trip to Canada and a visit to Bloomington the former home of Mr. Ryan and his wife, they returned to their new home at 6241 Winthrop St. Both are former members of the Pan-tagaph staff.

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# SERMON PREACHED AT FUNERAL OF FATHER MARSILE: REV. P. C. CONWAY

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, for their works follow them".

More than seventy years ago, the word of the Lord came to young Moses Joseph Marsile, in his happy and holy Canadian home, asking him to give up father and mother, houses and lands, hope of a bright career in the world that he might, receive "an hundred fold and possess life everlasting".

Though no son loved home and worshipped mother more, though none could see the beauties of the world in their most alluring colors better than his poetic eye, though none could enjoy the sensible pleasures of the world more than his emotional nature, he forswore them all and promptly answered, "Speak Lord Thy servant heareth", "I come". The sacrifice, greatest that man can make, was made. He gave up all that the human ambition essays, all that the human heart loves. He renounced them all and sealed this renunciation with the triple vow of poverty, chastity and obedience. He renounced all hope of fame and fortune, giving up even his name, for that of "brother" in the Community of St. Viator.

Happy and diligent as an humble novice and brother in the order, his gift was soon discovered, "For as yet a child and all unknown to fame he lisped in numbers and the numbers came". He loved humility. He knew that "he could not shine in a royal diadem that had not long been a hidden gem". Before he reached his majority he was professor of French Literature and poetry in one of the colleges conducted by the Victorians in Canada. He was happy. The heavens seemed to shower him with its sunshine, his heart and mind revelled in the chivalry, the romance, the history, sacred, and profane of New France and Old France. "He sipped the nectar of the gods while his eyes delightedly looked out upon religion's loyalty", consecrating the banks of the torrid St. Lawrence.

"Twas sweet, 'twas heavenly, but soon 'twas past. The Lord gave him a glimpse of glory, warmed the delight of joy for an instant, then tested the soul of his servant by the demand of greater sacrifice. His heart was in Canada; he loved her trees and forests; her meadows wide; her lakes and rivers; her churches and her shrines; his soul was in her culture and her customs. He heard the voice of God spoken by his superior, "Go to the country of the Kanakke, beyond the inland Lakes, to the people of Bourbonnais, the school of St. Viator".

Only those, whose heart's strings are twined round every scene, and every action, every defeat and victory, every sadness and joy of homeland, can feel some of the sacrifice that this young and enthusiastic, emotional and great-hearted brother made when he said, "I go". His sacrifice was magnificent, if not sublime. He buried the heart of his love in the soul of his beautiful Canada, and all this for the love he had for learning and religion. He left home and kindred and their loves, his country, her traditions and glories and came to this new land and strange land, this far land, and poor land of Illinois. He brought with him his genius and his talents, his learning and his piety and his devotions. He brought his sublimity of the natural and a wealth of the supernatural and dedicated all to the service of learning and religion in a foreign land. Had I the power of

artistry to paint I might give you a picture of this man as he appeared among the pioneer Victorians of more than sixty years ago. Young, tall, slender in form, graceful in every movement, eyes that spoke of mellowed love, a complexion tanned with poetic pale, noble brow crowned with profusion of raven ringlets, orderly in their uncombed disorderliness. He was beautiful to behold, inspiring to look upon. And those pioneer Victorians (Roy, Bernard, Boudoin and Martel) of sainted memories took him for their own, and wedded him forever to the school and college of St. Viator.

For a time, his soul was racked between love and hate, love for his own language, that was milk and honey to his lips, and hate for the English language that was discord and jargon to his Gallic ear. In humility he wrought and labored and studied and increased in grace and good works before God and man. Fifty-five years ago he was elevated to the holy priesthood in this Sanctuary, at this Altar, by the then Bishop Thomas Foley of Chicago. Within a few years, the death of the saintly President, Father Roy, left the college and the Confreres without leadership. The College was in its infancy, the Confreres were few, no friends outside of two or three, to help prevent disaster. Into this gloom of despair shone the radiant light of hope with the election and confirmation of Father Marsile as president. The Community of St. Viator's was poor in worldly goods. They did not select the new President for his financial ability—he did not know then and he never learned how to count money correctly—but they saw in him a priest after God's own heart, possessing wealth that is not coined by princes or potentates, but current with the "King of Kings" and Ruler of the universe. He was selected because he was preeminently a man of love, a man who loved God above all things and his neighbor as himself. And on this foundation our Saint Viator's College was built, on this it has prospered, and on this will it continue to victory. From the first day of his presidency to the last breath of his life, he gave every measure of his energy, every impulse of his heart to this college, and he succeeded in gaining the love and loyalty of every student for the College, who called this Alma Mater during his presidency and since.

I feel that his poetic soul is rejoiced and his great heart delighted with the selection of my text from the poetry of the Apocalypse, "I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; for their works follow them". Not wishing to pass over in silence his great works as priest and pastor, and poet and author and playwright and orator of highest eloquence, not wishing to lessen the fame, that his four times crowned poetry by the French Academy, and the final merit of the "Triple Palm" of excellence by that same, illustrious institution conferred I say that the students of this College, past and present, are his works. He called us his boys, and we gloried in the title, for he gave to us, under God, every bit of good and virtue that is in us. Each one of us will cheerfully confess today, if I pity poverty, if I forgive my enemies, if I reverence the humble, if I love learning, if I practice virtue, if I love my neighbor as myself, if I love God with my whole heart and mind and soul, I owe it all to him. In him I saw the exemplar of all these vir-

tues. He was the inspiration that made labor light, study easy, virtue pleasant. We acknowledge our indebtedness of so much to him, not because of his natural personality which was magnificent, but because of the supernatural that prompted his every act.

May we not pray that from out the confines of the Continent will mingle today the voices of thousands of laity, hundreds of priests and bishops, attesting to the glory and the sanctity of the playwright, poet and priest and friend. I am convinced "We may not look upon his like again". But his voice will not die, it will sing to us from his poetry, from "The Lauretiades" and epic on the Religious Conquest of the St. Lawrence.

My friends, I know you think of a thousand beautiful things that I should have said, but no man could say them all. Each one of us will say, "no man owes him more than I, nor loves him better". I ask your prayers for the soul of him whom we think perfect. We believe his wait without will be of short duration, but our gratitude in form of prayer, alms and sacrifice, will quickly open the gates of Paradise to the dearest, priest, kindest, holiest priest we ever knew.

## Inquiring Reporter

The Inquiry: What do you think of the Viator Men?

"I am still optimistic".—Loretta Flanagan, '35.

"My mother taught me as a child never to be rude".—Alice Ryan, '35.

"Interested much; give confidential rendezvous".—Regina Rielly, '36.

"It is very fortunate for some that this situation is beyond words".—Rosann Gorman, '33.

"As juvenile pastimes, they're OK".—Gene Adams, '35.

"Let the supposed Viator Men of the last issue acquire self-control".—Claire Legris, '36.

"They have special talents, which we ought to develop".—Harriet Gillette, Special.

"With the technocrat bogey man, I'm laughing at the whole thing".—Anne Smole, '36.

"They may feel that they are an intelligent group, but they certainly have a lot to learn".—Agnes Stelter, '34.

"To those whom the shoe fits; you have nerve beyond explanation. Why not consider the coeds as your friends and not enemies?"—Ruth Arrington, '34.

"To speak highly of one with whom we are intimate is a species of egotism. Our modesty teaches us caution on this subject".—Marie Smole, '34.

"Being an unsophisticated village maiden, I looked and was dazzled, so I am unable to give a competent opinion".—Mary Cruise, '35.

"I tune my likes and dislikes to the campus radio".—Evangeline Legris, '33.

"What iron men! It is so hard to lift them from the campus!"—Anonymous.

Editor's note—The Freshmen having presented a consensus of opinion regarding coeducation, we felt it only just that the social sorority should be given the opportunity of voicing their opinion of the Viator men.

We remarked in the Loyola News a comment on the value of visiting classes. The custom exists at St. Viator. However, it is worthy of much greater practice, for it helps in retaining a sense of correlation between the various departments. It also makes for a more democratic spirit in an individualistic system, education. Don't be too aristocratic in your scientific or literary isolation!

# PRESIDENT RECEIVES LETTER FROM ALUMNUS; TRIBUTE TO FR. MARSILE

The VIATORIAN wishes to thank the Very Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, C. S. V., for his kind permission to print this tribute to the memory of the late Very Rev. M. J. Marsile, C. S. V., a predecessor of Fr. Maguire in the presidency of St. Viator College.

Rev. Fr. Maguire, C. S. V.,  
St. Viator College,  
Bourbonnais, Illinois

Dear Father,

Monday evening, I returned home from the hospital following a three months stay there following the removal of my right leg at the hip. I was in high spirits and sat down to the table in anticipation of the meal to come—the radio was playing and struck into "Uncle Bob's Hour". All at once, he read a wire he had just received telling of the death of our beloved friend and mentor, Father Marsile. I was simply prostrated, and taking my grief to myself spent a few moments in silent thought and prayer for the grand soul who had left us.

It is a very poignant regret that my physical condition prevented my coming down to Bourbonnais to pay my last respects, no not my last respects, but just my present ones to his memory.

I cannot grieve for his memory, nor can I mourn for him, as we who sincerely loved him know of the long, useful life he had lived. His life was absolutely devoted to the service of his fellow man, and to the betterment of the world, and he achieved this work through his own life and example more than by sermon or teaching.

There is very little that he said to me that is not firmly implanted in my heart, where through all the years it has flowered and (I pray) born fruit o make me a better man.

No, we cannot grieve or mourn for him now, for he is realizing the beauty of fulfillment of his good deeds and loving acts. It is true he leaves a vacancy in all our lives who knew him, and loneliness in our hearts when we look for him, but it is selfish to deny him the fruition of his long life of labor, and desire him back.

He is with Him whom he loved and labored for, and has heard those words of commendation, so rarely given in these days of intense materialism, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"—Yes he has truly entered into that joy, and who are we to envy him it? He did not grieve over the passing of his Superior, Father Rivard, and now in his last sleep, his mortal remains lie beside him whom he loved so well. But only his dust lies there, Father Marsile is with us today in memory's halls, and walks with us and still gives of his finely trained mind as he did when we all walked with him through the halls of old St. Viator, and listened to his gentle voice giving counsel of right living, right thinking, and respect for those superior to us in power.

In my life there has been one influence that, more than any other has led towards my being a better man, and that, the two years I spent in intimate association with Father Marsile at St. Viator. Every sermon, or rather talk, which he gave in our beautiful chapel is remembered, and many an intimate conversation in his rooms has led to some part of my later life being led into a better course.

To have seen him, as I did often, at the Oak Park Hospital, to hear him say, "Oh My Son, You have again come to talk with your old Father

Marsile, have you not?"—And then his kiss which to all of us was a benediction, and his blessing given, from his great and loving heart at parting, are moments to be treasured in the heart forever.

Yes, he truly "Walks with God", now, and yet his sweet simplicity will bring him to a close relation with Him, that is to leave cheer in the hearts of those who loved him and accept The Christ as our Master too.

Father Marsile is not far away. He is not lost to us, the only tears I can shed are for the loss I personally have sustained in his mortal self being away, for he is still here, and can always hear his voice, and see his smile, and his "My Son", when ever I wish, and his life will always be one by which the young men of St. Viator may mould their lives.

His memory will always last, and mere words cannot add to the luster of his name, although fame and greatness were far from the goal of his endeavor. The marble and bronze memorials we may place around to his memory, are but transitory, as compared to the love and respect implanted in the hearts of all who knew him, by his sweet simplicity and greatness.

And so I cannot say "May he rest in peace"—for the faith in my heart, tells me he does rest in peace, and it is grand to feel that his life has been so deserving of the rewards of Heaven.

Will you, for me, who loved him, merely think sometime of me when you are visiting his grave, and whisper over his dust, "The sons whom you watched over and whose prayers you directed still cherish your memory, and their love for you can never be torn from their hearts".

God keep him, and may He extend all blessings over St. Viator College and all of you who are in authority over it, the young men who are attending it, and last but not least, you too, Father Maguire, whom I also remember and have a soft spot in my heart for,

Yours Sincerely,

Chester G. Wood, '04.  
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## Debaters Meet DeKalb; Wesleyan

The Negative team of St. Viator, composed of T. Gill Middleton and Robert A. Nolan, lost their last Conference debate to Illinois Wesleyan Friday night, March 31. The debate was held in the Methodist Church at Arrowsmith, Illinois, before a very large crowd.

The plan proposed by the Affirmative team included the system of Branch Banking similar to that now in operation in Canada. Six large branch banks were to be situated in different sections of the country from which the member banks could draw on in case of necessity. All banks would be under the control of the Federal Reserve System. The Guarantee of Deposits plan was to be financed, ultimately, by the United States Treasury.

The Negative case was built upon the fact that there was no need of a revolutionary change in our present banking systems. That the existing evils could be done away with by stricter regulation on the part of the individual states. And that in a time of a nation-wide economic upheaval such as we are now facing, the six parent banks of the Affirmative's proposal would be in no position, fin-

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Wun day the klass wuz becuming pritty dull, and awl the stewdents wur getting sleepy, like ya do, when the prof asked jo if he had ever hurd a sentence without a predikat. no replys jo, but my dad did. well rite away everybudy prepares to have a laf on jo cuz who evir hurd of a sentence without a predikat. so prof asks reel sly, like they do, what the sentents wuz, and without battin an i jo replys "thirty days". well prof didnt no whut to say to that wun so he just comments "gee, that was just peechy jo, he just blinked his ize, like he duz and says, well prof this is sort uv confidenshal but i gave my gurls fath-er a box uv segars the uthur day and i expect-to-rate a-round there now. funny thing prof dont ask jo no ques-tions no more.

MacTavish went into a saddler's shop and asked for a single spur. The clerk gave it to him, asking what use he had for one spur. "Why?" Mac replied, "if I can get one side of the horse to go, the other will have to come with it".

Freshman: "I understand Jane is nuts about muts, Bill".

Second Case: "No, but she's very fond of her dogs".

First Guy: "Howzat?"

Bill: "Well, I can't get her to go anywhere unless I call a taxi".

A traveller had left his umbrella in a hotel, after at-taching a card to it bearing in bold letters the warning: "This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal with his fist a blow of 250 pounds; coming back in five minutes. He returned to find his umbrella gone, and in its place the message: "This card belongs to a man that can run twen-ty miles an hour; and isn't coming back".

Little Willie: "Mom, you, said the baby has your eyes and daddy's nose, didn't you?"

Mother: "Yes, darling".

Willie: "Well, you'd better watch him, he has grand-pa's teeth now".

Hoover says his most embarassing moment occurred when he told the girl he was burning with love for her and she replied, "Well, don't make a fuel of yourself".

Wife: "You gave your seat to a poor old Irishman last night, didn't you dear?"

Sap: "Why, no, what makes you say that?"

Wife: "Well, I heard you say in your sleep, Oh that's all right, I'll stand pat".

Father took his young son to the incubator to see the eggs hatch. Said dad impressively: "Isn't it wonderful, son, how the little chicks get out of the shell?"

"Naw", said the boy, "That's easy. What gets me is how they get in there".

Jack returned from the wedding with a black eye. When asked how he got it, he said the groom hit him when he kissed the bride. "Ah", says the inquirer, "but kiss-ing the bride is an old custom". "Ah", replies Jack, "but I'm an old customer".

Bill Collector: "My boss says I'm not to go back un-til you give me the money you owe him".

Treasurer Nolan: "Oh, I wonder if he'll remember you with a beard".

Moon: "Where did you get the cigar, Ed, from a friend?"

Hunt: "I'll tell you that after I smoke it".

## Senior Theses Involve Original Research

The Senior theses are due on the tenth of May. This accounts for the harried looks on the countenances of so many members of that distinguish-ed class. It is whispered about that some are still uncertain as to what they are to write upon, although the great majority complied with the ruling stating that subjects must be submitted to the office of the dean November seventh, and one industri-ous senior has already completed his work.

This ancient custom is something like the vigil of the squire through-out the night preceding his knight-ing. It is one of the many formal-ities, probably the most disconcerting, connected with the intricate process of being graduated. In the past many mastery literary and scientifi-c theses have been submitted, all of which will be found in the College library. This year would seem to be no exception.

Ralph Hoover is doing original work in his chosen field of Economics. He is making a study of the cause of the failure of state guarantee of bank deposits and is finding his ma-terial in the Federal Reserve Bank Library in Chicago. Edward Hunt and James Laffey, History majors, are compiling life histories of the United States Senators from Illinois and the mayors of Chicago. Dan O'Connor is doing original work in Chemistry on the minimum amount of acetic acid necessary to dissolve iron and steel. Gill Middleton com-bining his literary and philosophical tastes is writing on the great philo-sopher and prose writer, Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding of Peoria. Kenneth Bushman is realizing an un-dergraduate desire by taking as his subject, Keats, developing the theory of poetry evolved by the poet in his letters. Miss Evangeline Legris is treating the poetry of Alice Meynell; Miss Rosann Gorman the life and work of the great social reformer and novelist, Charles Dickens. Among the other Seniors, the majority of them being English majors, John Mc-Grath is outstanding for the fact that his thesis on Roman life and manners is practically completed.

Students of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois, who are members of the Dramatic Society produced March 30 and 31, the play "Good Frau Anna", written by one of the College students. It was the prize winning play in a contest spon-sored by the local dramatic enthu-siasts, and its presentation in his own college first must have been very gratifying to Kerker Quinn.

The Teachers College News carries a noble plea for the beautifying of the squirrels on the campus, suggesting the institution of a kind of shampoo-ing—hair tonicization—balanced die-tization committee to care for the un-fortunate little creatures who seem the worse for a hard winter. "Sleek, frisky squirrels help beautify the campus".

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anically, to come to the aid of their member banks.

Thus in their failure to accomplish the purpose for which they were in-stituted, the U. S. Treasury would be the organ which would have to carry the brunt of failure; and, as the Negative clearly pointed out, the U. S. Treasury is in no condition to meet that emergency.

### Viator-De Kalb

Raymund Wenthe and Ralph Hoov-er, Viator's Affirmative team, jour-neyed to De Kalb on Wednesday, March 29, to meet the 1933 Confe-rence debate champions.

After many attempts and as many failures, or to quote Hoover, "by the trial and error method", the team finally succeeded in obtaining a car which would venture farther than the limits of Bourbonnais. As a result the gentlemen arrived in De Kalb at nine thirty for a debate scheduled at seven thirty.

The debate, however, proved to be worth all the trouble which Hoover and Wenthe experienced. Although the decision was given in favor of De Kalb, it was no reflection on the Gentlemen of St. Viator. De Kalb undoubtedly presented the best team which our Affirmative has met this year, and they are a highly represen-tative team of the Little Nineteen Conference as a claimant to the Championship honors.

Both teams displayed a very keen knowledge of the subject coupled with a fine sense of debating technique. Professor Waltz, of the University of

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## SPORT-SHORTS

Congratulations and thanks to the members of the Freshmen Class who so efficiently covered this page in the last issue of the VIATORIAN. But don't take my words of praise to heart. Not that the work was very commendable, but chiefly because it afforded me a vacation, and kept the honorable editor from hounding me for days in quest of my contributions (which, according to the critical Mr. Dugan, do not boast a very large number of readers).

The entire student body looks forward with keen interest to the approaching battle between Max Marek and the Golden Gloves winner from New York City, in the 175 pound class. The fight will take place next Wednesday evening in Chicago, and the campus fight fans hope to see Max come back, "Champion" in his class. In all of his preliminary bouts fought some weeks back, his victories were very decisive. In the short time that Max has been here, he has already gained the favor and admiration of the entire student body.

"Spring is here!" At least, that's what they tell me. But spare those moth-balls for a time, because that raccoon (perhaps) will come in handy. But the weather has not interfered with Fr. Harbauer's plans for the organization of the Indoor League. The Captains of the Roy Hall teams have already been selected and their respective teams chosen. Those selected as leaders of the seven squads are: Laffey, Harding, Ed Hunt, Westray, Fuche, Nolan, and Spreitzer. There remain several teams to be selected from the ranks of the Day Students, before the teams swing into action.

All of the captains agreed on choosing names for their respective teams, and several of them appear to be in accordance with the "Spirits" of the present day. The captains and teams titles are: Harding's "3 Star Hennessey's", Ed Hunt's "Bar Flies", Nolan's "Haig and Haig Boys", Laffey's "Ironcladlers", Westray's "Sunnybrooks", Fuche's "Chicago Store (G) Nats", and Spreitzer's "Hillbillies". And it would certainly be most appropriate if the opening game was played on April 7th, (and with Jim Dugan for Umpire).

St. Patrick's Day was one of excitement about the campus. "Dad" Gorman and "General" Rue disagreed on the quality of the food or something like that. And so, on this balmy afternoon the two boys met at the Gymnasium . . . (strange interlude) . . . and Gorman went picking daisies, while Rue found himself rapped up in this fine afternoon. Herb Hoover also caused some little commotion on the second corridor when he appeared in a brilliant orange tie, singing "The Wearin' O' The Green". And so Herb took his calisthenics in Bob Nolan's room with the assistance of several strong-arm lads from County Cork, etc.

Spring is bad news to the football men. Coach Corcoran has issued the call for Spring training, and the boys will have to get out there and make early preparations for next season, which, we hope will be even more successful than the last. Coach Corcoran will have some difficulty in finding material to fill the vacancies left open by Karr, and Laffey who will graduate in May. But with many veterans returning and hoping for some success in the new-comers, we feel sure that the Coach will give us another fine fighting aggregation for the season of '33.

## ROMARY SUCCEEDS AS LOCAL COACH

Those at St. Viator College who are interested in sports of any kind should congratulate "Puff" Romary, former Viator foot-ball, basketball and baseball star, on the splendid work he did at St. Patrick's high school, Kankakee, Illinois, as a foot-ball and basketball coach. His teams in their particular field were the object of fear of all their foes. Although they lost their first game in the basketball tournament here at Viator, they did great work and St. Joe of Cairo, their opponent, said after the game that St. Pats had one of the best teams of any that they had encountered this year. These two teams were such that any high school could be proud of and as an Alumnus of St. Pats I congratulate the members and their coach for the excellent work they accomplished during the football and basketball season.

Ruth Arrington.

## DAY-HOPPING

Well, it won't be many moons before the old horse-hide pellet and the hickory stick will be sorted out of the mothballs and put into action. Plans are under way for a day-hop baseball club and from all indications every position has a candidate, however, the hurling staff seems to be noticeably weak. The day dodgers are planning to challenge Roy Hall aggregations as soon as the weather is suitable.

In the indoor league there will be two teams from the study hall. Walkowiak and Crawley are the two captains and have already selected their respective teams. Last fall Clancy and O'Connell captained the two nines, but even with these too good Irish names, the day hops roosted in the cellar position of the league. That championship study hall game which was never played off last fall will be decided this spring. The game would have been played off in the fall had there not been a lack of snow shovels.

Incidentally what became of that day hop-freshmen cage battle? The dodgers were on hand, but where were the frosh?

Francis "Mohler" Devine has consented to fill in at shortstop on the study hall team. We can't seem to remember what "Mohler" means, though.

Thank you, very much, "Uncle" Richwine for conducting this moth-eaten column last issue. More power to you and your home-made nicknames.

Just a bit of advice to Mr. O'Connor. Never learn the game of bridge, Bill, you're beat if you do. Never let yourself sink to such a low ebb as to sit in a hand of bridge.

And while we're on the subject of bridge, Don LaRocque humbly announced that he has just made another grand slam in no trump. It's a gift—It's a gift.

"Jumping Joe" Speilberger turned host last Friday evening and supplied a group of day hops with a big feed. We always did like feeds.

Everyone seems to be looking forward to that great Freshmen Frolic. That's right, isn't it, Jimmie Comiskey?

Joe Degnan, '35 has returned to his home in Chicago. He is suffering from a serious attack of sinus affection.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury youse guys, not to praise you . . . First of all, a heaping big basket of plums to the Freshman editor and his staff . . . especially Jim O'Mara . . . the Briefs were wunnerrful . . . all they needed was a little seasoning of hotcha! . . . but you can't expect to develop a nose for scandal in one attempt . . . it's an art . . . but you've got the makings of a great Winchell Jim, old boy . . . Well, let's see who has been doing things around about here lately . . . Joe Bomba and Georgie Fleming both celebrated the anniversaries of their ow blessed events on March 14 . . . Foohey, Turner, and some of the other laddies helped them do it at a little party in the village . . . some of the fairer sex of Kankakee were among those present, also, of course . . . by the way, ask Georgie what he got from home . . . and if he's spent it all yet . . . Which reminds us of another Fleming, Bill by name, who leaves most of his clothes in 315 and perambulates about the corridor in a bathrobe . . . he and Max have been working out together lately . . . as their theme song they've adopted "What A Perfect Combination" . . . Bill is making great strides in the fistic art . . . but the strides are always taken quickly in the opposite direction whenever he thinks someone is going to "choose" him . . . says Bill: "Nature in the crude is seldom mild" . . . We've heard that a certain Freshman publicly denounced our column with a flaming burst of oratory in the (ahem) College Club President's speech class recently . . . the truth always hurts 'em . . . you asked for it MaGuire, so here goes: How many nickels did you give Phelan and Skedel to call up Theresa one evening not long ago? . . . And then Phelan got a date for himself instead of for you . . . Didn't he tell you about the swell time he had? . . . Now will you make speeches about the Briefs? . . . next time we'll expose ALL your secret sins . . . Some of the fellows who inhabit the avenues of Kankakee in their leisure hours bring back the report that from the Purple Peak comes this quotation: "Why doesn't Bob come to see me?" . . . Is she a glutton for punishment or what? . . . Speaking of sports (who was?) that was a mighty interesting tussle on St. Pat's afternoon between Battling Baldy and the Great Powerhouse . . . they say Rue was the victor . . . it'd be awful if he won another like that, though . . . he won't be over this one for a week . . . the General has been pretty well behaved lately . . . haven't much on him this time . . . And now the big moment arrives . . . here's our question for this week: "Were YOU ever in Watsseka?" I hope you get it . . . Oh, I know you do, Degnan . . . Didja see how they misquoted me in the Viatoriana last time . . . Nobody ever heard me say that the Seniors were gentlemen . . . I hold the truth too sacred for that . . . Doc Ellis and Phelan must have had a great time in Seneca last week . . . Doc got a letter a few days after he returned from "the little girl back home" containing some very sound advice which we hope he'll follow . . . we're going to give him a pep talk ourselves . . . Our beloved College Club prexy thought to assert his individuality on March 17 by appearing in a bright orange necktie . . . a few brawny sons of the old sod decided that said neckwear was inappropriate for the occasion, however, so Hoover and the it parted without benefit of clergy . . . By the way, it might interest the Orangeman to know that we know who was responsible for the crackers in our bed recently . . . Beware! . . . Quite a bunch of the lads attended a session of the League of

Nations (do you still call it the Del Rio?) on that day that all good Irishmen celebrate . . . You might ask McGrath how it feels to be told that he smells like cheese . . . you might if you think you can outrun him . . . otherwise you might not . . . And Snooky . . . holding hands with Our Nell . . . tsk, tsk . . . is our face red when we even think about it . . . And Sullivan, dot dope . . . when she asked him if he could play bridge he said: "Can you bake?" . . . Meany is our witness for that . . . Now the Juniors, those sheriff-dodgers, are going to raffie a cake in order to keep the president on the outside of the Kankakee Bastille . . . 'tis rumored that a friend of the young man who sleeps in the south side of 204 is going to bake the cake . . . if that's true we warn you to renew your life insurance before taking a chance . . . After a poll of the entire student body we have found that Jack Cronin is the only one who ever reads Sport Shorts . . . that is, besides the author . . . And if these coeds don't quit that giggling and saying, "Oh, I know something about you", whenever they see us . . . well, we'll do something . . . just a hint . . . if they need mouth exercise Wrigley is still in business . . . Have you heard Wes' new theme song . . . "Sweet Sue, Just You" . . . Ask Jim Hunt, better known about the campus as "Poot-waddle" where he was on the night of March 23 . . . If he won't tell, ask his roommate . . . Wandered into the coed cake sale Friday and was inveigled into spending one of my hard earned nickles for a slice of cake which wasn't half bad, really . . . Oh, do we have the fun, though . . . what with writing this column . . . and attending cake sales . . . We propose a beer sale next time . . . And, Gill, did you get that piece of cake that Miss (?) sent over to you? . . . It was marble cake . . . but then you're a pretty good chisler . . . Well, that should be enough dirt for one issue . . . See you after April 7 . . . and LEGAL BEER!

## Editorially Speaking

We congratulate Mr. Norbert Ellis, Editor of the Freshman Issue of VIATORIAN, for the splendid work he and his classmates have done. High tribute has been paid the quality of it. We wish to thank all who had a share in its publication for the excellent issue which now has taken its place with the others of the past fifty years in the files of our office.

It was the sad duty of the Freshmen to record the death of our beloved ex-president, Father Marsile, the passing of the venerable educator, great poet, and humble religious, who for twenty eight years directed the destinies of St. Viator College is particularly significant to the VIATORIAN. It was while Father Marsile was President that the first student publication of the College was issued—just fifty years ago. Fostered by a great litterateur, the VIATORIAN has ever striven for a perfection worthy of its sponsors.

The end of the debating season is near at hand. The work of the debaters has been noteworthy. Ours is a team that ranks with the best, and we are justly proud of it. It seems unfortunate, however, that the Bergin Debating Society should be so strictly limited to Interscholastic meets. A club composed of a much greater number of students, both on and off campus, formed for the intramural discussion of less grandiose subjects than those generally chosen for intercollegiate debates, would be a distinct advantage for the

members and the College. This is a suggestion we offer for the consideration of debaters to act upon next year.

Having listened to a dramatization of that remarkable book—"The Education Of A Princess", by Marie, Grand Duchess of Russia—the thought of our own production of "The Mikado" comes to the fore. We wonder how many students are aware that a really splendid orchestra, formed to accompany the operetta exists on the campus. Under the baton of Miss Gillette a group composed of College students and a large number of Kankakee High School students has been developed into a splendid musical organization. Attend its practice April fifth, at 8:00 p. m.

We feel that Don Hickey is deserving of a golden statue in our own little Hall of Fame. Confronted with the difficulty of a deflated tire and no spare Don conceived the truly great idea of running along side the motor holding the axle. Sounds pretty good, no? No. We didn't avail ourselves of it.

We can't let the early springtime pass without some editorial comment. It really doesn't matter that a rather fierce snow storm is raging outside our windows—spring is great—birds singing, grasses growing greener, white clouds floating across blue skies, buds budding, heavy hearts sighing, then winging, soaring—and soon the lilacs will be in bloom, and that is a sight worth coming some little distance to see. For those of us who are Seniors, it is just a bit sad, too.

## Marek Wins Inter-City Golden Gloves Bout

Max Marek, who captained the Chicago Golden Gloves crew this year, was successful in whipping Bob Pastor, captain of the New York team, in the Inter-City bouts last Wednesday evening in the Chicago stadium. As captain of the Windy City squad of fighters, Marek played an important part in the success of that group. The Chicago boys were victorious winning ten of the sixteen bouts.

Marek, weighing 175 pounds, fought in the light-heavyweight division, and had for his opponent the best that New York could offer in that class, Bob Pastor. The contest between these two boys was one of the best of the evening, although, from all accounts, it appears that Marek was on top throughout the three full rounds. This victory stamps Max as one of the outstanding amateur boxers in the light-heavyweight class throughout the country, and he shows promise of reaching great heights in the field of pugilism.

It was several weeks ago that Marek started his climb to the Golden Gloves and Inter-City Championship, when, in the preliminary elimination bouts, he won his first two bouts on knock-outs and then went on to beat an old foe, Miller, for the Championship. After several weeks of strict, hard training he met and defeated the New York Champion. And now he looks to the future for new laurels, when, sometime in August he will face the light-heavyweight champion of the Golden Gloves from Ireland, and we feel very confident that Max will again leave the ring, the victor. As a result of his recent victories, Max is the possessor of a miniature golden glove, and a diamond studded ring—but, what counts most, he is the "Champion".



# IN BEHALF OF PRE-HISTORY

BY  
LEO V. NOLAN

A new field of History is unfolding before our eyes. Until recent years, History has concerned itself with the advancement and development of the various peoples, of whom, at least, there is some remnant left for study and comparison. In the last fifty years, however, a new field has come into prominence, namely, Pre-History or the study of the human race before the dawn of History materially influenced its intellectual development. It has gone far back to that stage in which the human race depended for its maintenance more upon physical force than intellectual capacity. Consequently, as these peoples devoted all their powers to a higher muscular development rather than an intellectual development, they have left to us, their posterity, no written records; no monuments by which we might have at least learned their names.

The bones of these prehistoric peoples have been sinking deeper and deeper under the weight of centuries. Since that hour when the light of History first dawned upon the Human Race until recent years, whenever, whether through accident or premeditated search, any of the remains of these peoples were discovered, they were, in most cases, considered to be but the fossils of apes or other animals. There have been but very few attempts to reconstruct the daily life and the appearance of these peoples, or, in some cases, to even consider them as human beings.

What was the reason for all of this incredulity? Was it because our processes of investigation proved inadequate? Was it because the insufficiency of our means of observation have rendered it impenetrable? No! It was not because of these things alone. It is true that the passage of time has destroyed most of the evidence of these people, and that which escapes the defacing hand of time is very often beyond the grasp of our intellect; it is true that the deeper we delve into antiquity, the more difficult it becomes to distinguish such traces as the passing years have left intact; but, it is also equally true that the more proof that has been amassed as a result of scientific research along these lines, the more incredulous the majority of people seem to become.

But what is the explanation of this reaction? Frankly, it lies in this. The average Catholic layman, and I dare say, the average Catholic college student, has the erroneous opinion that the Sacred Scripture is directly contradictory, in its teachings, to the conclusions drawn from scientific research. But in reality this is not the case. As long as Science does not attempt to deny that man has a God-given soul, neither the Bible nor the Catholic Church have any doctrines or teachings that are in any way contradictory to the antiquity of man, the age of the world or of the development of man in Prehistoric times. "For," as Father Zahm so admirably says, "nothing could be more false or absurd. The truths of Faith and the truths of Science are in different categories, yet, notwithstanding this fact, they can never come into conflict. Whether we study the Bible or the great book of Nature, we in either case have before us the Almighty's Record, and the truths inculcated, if it so be that we read aright, will in all cases be in perfect harmony with one another as well as with Truth itself. Therefore, the testimony of Holy Writ and the testimony of the rocks, far from being contradictory will always, we shall find, be identical in evidence as they are one in origin".

In itself Prehistory is a science that requires a great deal of research. For by this means alone can we hope to wrest a clarified account of our ancestors from the unintelligible records and annals, that, to the uninitiated are mere scratches and marks upon the walls of forgotten caverns and subterranean passages. However, to most of us, perhaps to all of us, the opportunity to participate in the initiation ceremonies of higher Science, which will enable us to understand these records, will never be offered. We, perhaps, will never know the thrill that comes to the archeologist when he lays aside his spade and shovel and gently lifts from the relentless sands of time the bones of some long forgotten ancestor. But, if we ourselves cannot participate in the active side of research we can and must, if we wish to be consistent, which will enable us to unbiased and an unprejudicial mind with regard to these established proofs of the field of Prehistory. For, as Socrates once said in defining a wise man, "He who does not know, and knows that he does not know, he is a wise man; but, he who does not know, and who does not know that he does not know, he is a fool".

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loved students. Bishop McGavick also gave the last absolution. The chaplains to Bishop McGavick were the Rev. F. J. O'Rielly of Danville, Illinois, and the Rev. William P. Burke of Kewanee. The most Reverend E. F. Hoban, D. D., Bishop of Rockford, Illinois, was also present. His chaplains were Rev. William J. Cleary of East Moline, Illinois, and Rev. P. B. Dufault, Kankakee, Illinois. The services at the grave were conducted by the Rev. William J. Suprenant, C. S. V., pastor of the Maternity Church in Bourbonnais. All the officers of the Mass and the chaplains to the Bishops were former students of St. Viator College who had come under the ennobling influence of Father Marsile.

### His Life

Father Marsile was born on November 17, 1846, in Longueil, Province of Quebec, Canada. He entered the novitiate of the Clerics of St. Viator on October 15, 1862, and pronounced his first vows in 1863. He made his final religious profession in 1869. In response to obedience, Father Marsile came to the newly founded St. Viator College in Bourbonnais, Illinois, on February 10, 1871, and immediately began his study of theology. He was ordained on October 30, 1875, and was appointed President of St. Viator College in September, 1879. Father Marsile was in many ways the ideal educator. Nature had endowed him with a brilliant and beautiful mind which he used zealously to inculcate the highest ideals into the hearts and minds of the young committed to his care. He had the beautiful manners of the cultured and courtly Frenchman, and he had a very real, deep, and abiding love and sympathy for the young. He possessed literary gifts of a high order in his native language, French, and was the author of several volumes of distinguished French poetry, the most notable of which was Les Laurentides, an epic poem on the early French settlers of Canada. Father Marsile was the author also of several plays and operettas, one of which he produced with great success during the World's Fair in Chicago. Many of the most distinguished of the clergy of the Middle West

came under his inspiring influence during their student days at St. Viator College and three of them, the Most Rev. Alexander J. McGavick, D. D., Most Rev. Joseph P. Lynch, D. D., and Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, D. D., attained the high honors of the episcopacy.

## Noted Internationalist



SIR HERBERT AMES

## COLLEGES OF FOUR STATES IN IRC MEET

Distinguished Diplomat To Address Students

A Midwestern Conference on International Relations, which will be addressed by Sir Herbert Ames, former financial director of the League of Nations, is to be held at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, On April 7.

International Relations Clubs of the colleges and universities of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, will be represented at the Conference.

Sir Herbert, who is to be the chief speaker, is accredited with organizing the financial frame work of the League of Nations, where he served as financial director for seven years. He has been not only active with the League of Nations but the World Court. Sir Herbert opened the first meeting of the Judges of the World Court at the Hague.

Previous to his entrance into the work of International Relations Sir Herbert had served prominently in Canada. He was elected to the Canadian parliament in 1904 and served continuously in that body through 1917. During the pressing days of the war he collected \$50,000,000 for the Patriotic Fund of Canada, of which he was honorary secretary. He lives in Boston, but makes frequent trips to Europe and is in constant touch with international affairs abroad.

His subject at the Conference will be "The Polish Corridor", that territory which has been a subject of international importance and interest.

The International Relations Clubs of Illinois universities and colleges represented at the Conference are those of the University of Chicago; Northwestern University at Evanston; Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington; St. Viator College, at Bourbonnais; Mundelein College, in Chicago; Loyola University in Chicago; Illinois College at Jacksonville; LacMurray College in Jacksonville; Lake Forest College in Lake Forest; Monmouth College at Monmouth; and Frances Shimer Junior College at Mount Carroll.

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has organized 405 International Relations Clubs in American colleges and universities as well as 104 in foreign countries, in all a total of 509 clubs. The object of the clubs is to inform the young men and women in the colleges regarding world problems.

The Faculty Adviser on international problems at Manchester College,

where the Conference is to be held, is Professor Andrew W. Cordier.

Members of the Kappa Phi Fraternity are giving a dance at the Kankakee Hotel, April 22. Several of the day students are members of the committee in charge, among them, William Clancy, John Hickey, John Ripstra, David Richwine and Herman Snow.

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praise and commendation from the Judge.

Hon. Norman L. Jones, Judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois, acted as critic judge of the debate. Judge Jones is one of the outstanding figures in the politics of this state, having obtained the Democratic nomination for Governor in the Gubernatorial campaign of 1924.

From Springfield the debating team traveled to Jacksonville to meet the Illinois College team. Here again the Viator team showed their superiority by winning the decision from their worthy opponents. The debate was not as closely contested as the one of the afternoon, although neither the Illinois College nor the Shurtleff Negative team had lost a decision prior to this time.

The Negative team of St. Viator, composed of T. Gill Middleton and Robert A. Nolan have not been quite as successful as their Colleagues. In losing their debate to Illinois Normal on March 24, St. Viator was removed from first place in the Conference race to a tie for third. Previous to this contest, both teams had won three and lost one debate placing them in a three-cornered tie with DeKalb Teachers.

### Viator-Normal

The Viator-Normal debate was held before a large audience of students at Trinity high school in Bloomington, Illinois. In giving his decision, Mr. Huston of the department of Speech at the University of Illinois, commended the Viator debaters on their teamwork and effective delivery but gave the decision to Normal because of the Negative's inability to effectively destroy Normal's proposal for the Federation regulation of banks.

On Friday, March 31, the Negative team complete their schedule when they meet the strong Illinois Wesleyan team at Bloomington. By winning this debate, Viator has a possible chance of again entering into a tie for first place. Against Wesleyan T. Gill Middleton and Robert A. Nolan will represent Viator.

Ranking in Conference Debate League up to March 28.

	Won	Lost
I. S. N. U.	4	1
N. I. S. T. C.	3	1
St. Viator	3	2
Illinois College	3	2
North Central	3	2
Monmouth	3	3
Shurtleff	3	3
Wheaton	3	3
W. S. T. S.	1	2
Illinois Wesleyan	2	3
Augustana	0	6

## STORM DAMAGES FARM BUILDING

The first thunder and electrical storm of the year heralding the approach of spring awakened the citizenry and countryside in the early morning about two weeks ago. Unusual phenomenon at this time of the year it was, caused much interest.

The lightning which was very severe struck the barn which is a part of the buildings connected with the College farm. The structure is greatly damaged. It is at a distance from the College so no other damage was done, beyond frightening "Patty" Corbett's horse.

# ALUMNI, FRIENDS EXPRESS SORROW

## Many Telegrams Received On Death Of Fr. Marsile

A great many messages of sympathy and regret were received at the College upon the death of the Very Rev. M. J. Marsile, C. S. V., March 10. A few of them are here transcribed.

Very Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, C. S. V.  
—Prompted by emotions of personal love and gratitude no less than by a sense of deep appreciation of his contribution to the cause of Christian Education, I shall mourn with you in person next Tuesday the passing of my dear Father Marsile.

Most Rev. Joseph P. Lynch,  
Dallas, Texas.  
—My sympathy to you and the many dear friends of Fr. Marsile.

Most Rev. E. F. Hoban,  
Rockford, Illinois.  
—I regret deeply the death of Father Marsile.

Most Rev. A. J. McGavick,  
Lacrosse, Wis.

—Sorry Father Marsile is dead. High Mass sung here for him Tuesday.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. E. Laberge,  
Quebec.

—Despest sympathy to yourself and community in the death of the beloved Father Marsile. He was one of my truest and most cherished friends. May he rest in peace.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Dermody,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

—We are united with you in sincerest sympathy. We share in prayers and grief for Father Marsile, the Dean of the American Provinces.

Very Rev. Joseph Latour, C. S. V.,  
Montreal,—Provincial.

## ST. PAT. PARTY AT LEGRIS HOME

Mrs. Thomas A. Legris entertained at her home in Bourbonnais at a charming St. Patrick Day party in honor of her daughter Miss Evangeline Legris, Senior coed. The evening began with all the guests being required to kiss a pseudo blarney stone cleverly placed in a most inconvenient position. After doing this they were requested to write a compliment on one of the guests present. The remainder of the evening was spent in a similar manner ending with dancing.

The guests included the Misses Mary Cruise, Gertude Bedard, Genevieve Adams, Harriet Gillette, Claire Legris, Genevieve Bedard, Louise Legris and Messrs. Raymond Wenhe, Bourke, Monahan, Charles Peyton, Kenneth Bushman, Joseph Degnan, John Roland, Gil Middleton and Gendron Legris.

## ILLNESS FORCES EDITOR TO RETIRE

Miss Margaret Clancy, '35, shortly after the beginning of the new semester suffered an attack of influenza which, aggravated by the weakened condition brought about through her great amount of activity, made it advisable to discontinue her college work for the remainder of the semester.

In addition to her work as sorority editor on the staff of the VIATORIAN Miss Clancy was also secretary to the President. Her work in this capacity has since been undertaken by Miss Mary Cruise, one of her friends and classmates. Miss Clancy has improved greatly at her home in Kankakee, and it is hoped that she will be at the college again next fall to resume her studies and journalistic work.