

VIATORIAN ARE SIGNALLY HONORED

SILVER JUBILEE OF
FATHER O'MAHONEY
WILL BE OBSERVED

College Will Play Host to Many Alumni

Undoubtedly one of the largest celebrations in the history of St. Viator College will be staged on Tuesday, April 24, when hundreds of alumni and friends will gather on the campus to honor the Very Rev. John P. O'Mahoney, c. s. v., who, on that day, will observe the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The program of the day, is being sponsored by the President, Faculty and Alumni Association of St. Viator College and the St. Viator College Extension Club.

Program Announced

Celebration of Holy Mass, with the Jubilarian as celebrant, will take place at Maternity Church at 10:30 A. M. The sermon will be preached by one of Father O'Mahoney's former pupils, The Right Reverend Bernard J. Shiel, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. A banquet will be held in the College dining hall at 1:00 P. M. with a general reception following immediately in the gymnasium. The students' reception will be held at 5:00 P. M.

Notable Speakers

Following the banquet Viator's most illustrious alumni will give voice to the appreciation and devotion that is due the honored Jubilarian. Rev. J. V. LaMarre, president of the Alumni Association, will introduce the Rev. John J. Flanagan, Rockford, Ill., as Toastmaster. Very Rev. W. J. Bergin, c. s. v., former president of the college, will open the program with a toast to "My Friend," followed by Very Rev. T. E. Shea (Peoria), Very Rev. Frederick F. Connor (Rockford), Rev. Patrick C. Conway (Chicago), Mr. Lowell A. Lawson (Chicago) and the Very Rev. John W. R. Maguire, c. s. v., president of St. Viator.

Former President

Father O'Mahoney joined the Clerics of St. Viator thirty-two years ago. Following the disastrous fire of 1906, in which practically the entire college was destroyed, Father O'Mahoney, then a very young priest, was called upon to shoulder the burden of reconstruction, having been appointed by the General Direction as President of St. Viator. He had the distinction of being the youngest college president in the United States at that time.

Educational President

Father O'Mahoney served as president of the college for twelve years. During his administration, which was characterized by progressiveness and efficiency, he saw a new college arise on the ruins of his old Alma Mater. It was during this period that he became prominent in the work of the Catholic Educational Association and his labors in the Catholic educational field were recognized by educators throughout the country. While the organization was yet young, Father O'Mahoney was elected president of the College Department, a position today filled by the

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NEGATIVE DEBATE
TEAM HALVES TWO

Win And Lose In Two Encounters

Intercollegiate debates have evidently come into vogue at schools for young ladies this year. Not only did our affirmative team entertain the students of Rosary college by defeating Loyola in a popular decision debate there but the negative team were invited to display their abilities the same night before an interested and enthusiastic audience at Notre Dame Convent. The satisfaction of a decisive victory gained by our affirmative team at Rosary College (the popular vote was 179 to 21) was somewhat dampened by the loss of a real hard-luck contest at Bourbonnais. The debate was so close that a toss of the coin might well have decided the winners. The debate was thoroughly interesting from start to finish. The position of each team and the arguments supporting the questions were explicitly set forth in the early part of the debate, and there was no letup in the rebuttal work throughout the contest. Each side was repeatedly reduced to the defense of their solution for the jury system. The Loyola team went off to a flying start in the constructive speeches by means of some splendid argumentation and superior presentation. Mr. Stafford, however, had completely recuperated from his off-night at the Xavier debate. Consequently, in closing the constructive speeches and again in the rebuttals, he engaged in so perfect an analysis of both sides and such brilliant refutation of the principal arguments, that he not only offset the Loyola advantage but turned the contest into what appeared to be a conclusive victory for St. Viator. The last rebuttal however, was left for the Loyola team to stage a come back. And the imperturbable Mr. Ray did so in fine fashion. His defense of the affirmative plan, and his

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Swimming Tourney
Taken by Wesleyan

The annual I. I. A. C. swimming meet was held at St. Viator's gym Saturday, March 17. Repeating their performance of the previous year, Illinois Wesleyan took high honors with a total of 46 points, accumulated by four firsts and seven second places. Augustana was second with 28 points; St. Viator third with 19 points and Millikin fourth with 11. In the meet, the time for the 100 yard breast stroke was lowered by Gordon of Augustana, who negotiated it in 1:33, beating the old record by three seconds. Although the meet was an interesting one, it did not come up to expectations. Doubtless, this is due to the fact that this is the second year that swimming has taken its place among the major sports in the "Little 19", and interest has not been awakened to a sufficient degree to merit stiffer competition. Credit is due to all the teams for their excellent display of sportsmanship and courage in this meet.

JUNIOR SOPHOMORE
AFFAIR PROMISES
TO BE SUCCESSFUL

Well Known And Popular Orchestra Hired

At an enthusiastic meeting of the College Club before the Easter holidays a member of the Senior class arose and proposed that the Freshman and Senior classes band together and stage a dancing party before the end of the school year. Not to be outdone the Juniors asked the Sophomores to join them in sponsoring a dance. Both motions were well received. Plans for the first of the two dances, which will be the Junior-Sophomore affair, are rapidly nearing completion.

Caskey's Orchestra

According to an official announcement of the orchestra committee "Lou" Caskey's Broadcasting and Recording Orchestra has been engaged for the entertaining. Caskey's Orchestra is coming direct from the Playmore Ballroom in Kansas City where they have been "on location" during the winter months. The dance will be held in the St. Viator College gymnasium, April 26.

The chairmen of the various committees announce that their work is practically finished. Invitations will be mailed out this week. If one might judge from the size of the stack of invitations an immense crowd will throng the lobby and main hall of the gym on the evening of the dance. Every effort possible on the part of the Juniors and Sophomores is being made to make the event a social and a financial success. It is argued that, because no dance has been held at the College this year since Homecoming, the students and their friends will be more anxious than ever to attend the affair.

The joint chairmen, Mr. Doyle and Mr. R. Nolan, presidents of the Junior and Sophomore classes respectively, appear very optimistic. To quote Mr. Doyle: "We are depending largely upon the student body itself, for support. Surely a combination of two such hard working and capable classes as the Sophomores and Juniors augurs well for the outcome."

Baseball Schedule

For 1929

April 18, Millikin, there.
April 19, Wesleyan, there.
April 26, Illinois College, here.
April 29, Luther, here.
May 2, Lake Forest, here.
May 4, McKendree, here.
May 7, Illinois College, there.
May 8, Concordia, there.
May 9, McKendree, there.
May 11, Millikin, here.
May 15, Illinois Normal, here.
May 17, Bradley Tech., there.
May 21, Northwestern, there.
May 22, Lake Forest, there.
May 24, Illinois Normal, there.
May 28, Wesleyan, here.
June 1, Bradley Tech., here.

BERGIN DEBATERS
ENJOY GOOD TRIP

Three Victories On Affirmative Side

The St. Viator debating team composed of Don Laenhardt, Lloyd Warne and Allen Nolan opened the traveling schedule by defeating Dayton University at Dayton, Ohio. The Viatorian debaters were awarded a 2-1 decision by the judges. Messrs. Laenhardt, Warne and Nolan waxed eloquent and their cool logical attack forced the Dayton speakers into several contradictions. The next night the Viator team met the crack St. Xavier team at Cincinnati and suffered defeat by a very small margin. It seems that the critic judge awarded the Xavierites the debate by a very small margin and the Saints returned home well satisfied with their showing.

Viator vs. Detroit

On March 20th the traveling team met the University of Detroit team at Marygrove College in Detroit and this time the Viatorians again took the decision by 115 votes to 50. This decision showed the power of the Viator team as they were defending the unfavorable side of the question before a foreign audience. Mr. Laenhardt, Mr. Warne and Mr. Nolan again defended the Viator standards in this debate and according to reports they made a fine impression with the people of Detroit.

St. Viator and Loyola U.

On March 20th the traveling team met Loyola University in an intercollegiate debate held before the student body of Rosary College at River Forest, Illinois. Once again the audience responded to the eloquence and logic of the Saints and they were awarded a 179 to 21 decision.

Three Affirmative Victories

While defending the affirmative side of the proposition: Resolved, That a substitute for Trial Jury be adopted, the Saints managed to win three of their four debates. These

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Rev. Father Munsch
Back From Florida

F. E. Munsch, c. s. v., who for the last three months has been in Miami, Florida, has returned to reassume charge of St. Bernard Hall. He went to Florida after an attack of the "flu" and is now thoroughly restored to health. While there he remained with a brother and sister-in-law who live in Miami, and was joined also by two of his sisters who spend the winter in Miami every year. He likewise stayed some time in Havana, Cuba and made a trip into the interior of the country which proved to be very enjoyable and agreeable. He has become a Miami booster, as far as climate is concerned, but says the late boom was quite as destructive as the hurricanes on real estate values. Deep sea fishing in the Gulf Stream and off the Keys, and surf bathing were the principal forms of amusement of Father Munsch while in Florida.

ST. VIATOR ALUMNI
RECENT RECIPIENTS
OF GREAT HONOURS

All Three Priests Form Rockford Diocese

The Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has recently informed the Rt. Rev. Edward F. Hoban, D. D., Bishop of Rockford that His Holiness Pope Pius XI has honored three alumni of St. Viator College, priests of the Rockford Diocese, by designating them Domestic Prelates, with the title of Monsignor. The three priests are the Very Rev. A. J. Burns, V. G., pastor of St. Mary's Church, Sterling, Illinois; the Rev. John P. McGuire, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Aurora, Illinois; and the Very Rev. Frederick F. Connor, Chancellor of the Rockford Diocese, and pastor of St. Peter's Church, Rockford. The dignity of Domestic Prelate to His Holiness is an honor conferred only on those priests who have done outstanding work in the service of religion. The short sketches that follow of our three new monsignors make evident that in these cases the honor is unusually deserved.

Monsignor Burns

Monsignor Burns, after his ordination in 1898 by His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons, labored as an assistant priest in several Chicago parishes until his appointment as Pastor at Oregon, Illinois, a charge that involved the care of three other churches in neighboring towns. From 1909 until the present he has been the permanent rector of St. Mary's Church at Sterling, Illinois, where he has labored most assiduously in building up the parish, and in caring for the educational needs of the children. The culmination of his labors in this direction is the fine new high school he has recently built that ranks among the best in the diocese. Monsignor Burns is the founder of the numerous Benson Clubs now found throughout the Rockford Diocese that have as their end the interests of converts to the Catholic faith. For many years he did excellent work as a member of the Diocesan School Board, and has for a long time been a member of the Board of Diocesan Consultors. He is a rural Dean, and has recently been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese.

Monsignor Burns has always been a devoted alumnus of St. Viator College, where he studied from 1889 until 1892.

Monsignor McGuire

Monsignor McGuire is a native of Sterling, Illinois, in the Diocese of Rockford. He made his Classical Studies at St. Viator College in the Eighteen Nineties, and was ordained from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, by Archbishop Feehan of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was an assistant at St. Mark's, Chicago, until the Diocese of Rockford was carved out of the Archdiocese. Monsignor McGuire was one of Bishop Muldoon's first priests, and his first post in the new diocese was the pastorate at

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Father O'Mahoney

There are times when we would call into use, had we the power, the fancy of the poet, the tongue of the orator, the mind of the logician, the finesse of the artist so that, by carefully blending their qualities, we might aptly express to the world our thoughts in a language that would clothe itself with beauty, power, truth and simplicity. Not often, 'tis true, are we called upon to assemble in one writing the highest qualities of literature so that language might fittingly give tribute to man. However, such a time is at hand for in the course of the next few days it will be our unalloyed pleasure to celebrate the silver jubilee of Father O'Mahoney's ordination to the priesthood, and the humble words of the untalented will here fail to express the honour which is due him.

Twenty-five years a priest! Twenty-five years grown, not gray, but silver in the service of the Master! Twenty-five years ascending the altar of the Crucified! Reason enough to rejoice! Reason enough to share in the holy happiness of this eminent religious!

Our Jubilarian, Father O'Mahoney, is a man whose charming personality has made him a host of admirers and friends throughout the ecclesiastical, educational and commercial world. As President of St. Viator his accomplishments are marked, not alone in stone, but in the hearts of hundreds of Alumni who received from him a love for virtue and nobility. A confirmed optimist he has struggled a quarter of a century with his eyes ever on Viator; his great business acumen and organizing ability has made him a leader in his Community, and his personal devotion to the cause of Christ and of Viator has won for him a position of distinction in the world. His zeal, his humor, his singleness of purpose, his complete self-effacement could not help but win him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came into contact.

This is your day, Father O'Mahoney, yours to give thanks to God for the fulfillment of the wishes of your youthful Irish heart, but ours to give thanks to God for He has given that smiling heart of yours to us. For many long days, yea years, your achievements will be heralded by men who have been inspired by you. But on this day, particularly, we breathe a fervent prayer that Christ, for Whom you have spent your life's blood, will bless you and heap upon you a superabundance of His grace so that we, in our pitifully selfish way, may see you ascend the Altar and lift the Host on high. AD MULTOS ANNOS.

New Library Catalog

It has never been known in the history of the world that the entrance of a catalog upon its public career should be heralded with a blare of trumpets, or accompanied by a grand procession of people arrayed in purple and crimson. Yet it is only such a proclamation and such a procession that could give adequate expressions to our feelings in launching our Catalog (for to us it is always written with a capital C) upon its public life. If we were not afraid of falling into bathos we might be tempted into the use of certain metaphors as of parents sending forth their first born with prayers and blessings and many wistful hopes that the energy, ardor, and anxious thought that have been spent in his preparation may not be lost, but fulfilled in the good that he works.

But it is not what it has meant to us, but what it means to you that matters. In vain have we labored for the perfection of this creature, if you do not make use of its perfection. We have wished you to deem it precious, as indeed we ourselves have felt it to be. Yet not so precious, "too bright or good For human nature's daily food." It has only one use, there is but one purpose to its existence, that is to serve you. You are its providence, its god, and its fate.

The trumpet and the procession must be foregone. Yet the occasion must not pass without some external sign of jubilee. This is to take the form of a party to which everyone in the whole College, faculty and student body, is invited. There will be an interesting talk by an interesting person, a little vaudeville feature that we think you will enjoy, and finally refreshments. It will be held in the Library at a date which we will announce later. We hope that you will all come.

The Inquiring Reporter

What do you intend to do
this summer?

My program for the coming summer will be similar to that of last summer. I intend to study music at the Chicago Musical College. My practicing will take up a greater part of each day; but, I intend to spend the evening in some form of diversion.—Louis Valley, '30.

I intend to go to Ireland this summer and visit my folks and my old friends and, also, enjoy some of the good old mountain dew. Of course, most of my summer will be spent in leisurely roaming about taking in the sights of the beautiful old island.—Dennis Murphy, '30.

Next summer, I am going to work in the office of the municipally owned Light and Power Plant at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where I worked before coming to school. If I get a vacation, I would like to spend it in taking a drive through the East.—Thomas R. Doyle, '30.

Next summer, I intend to return to my old job with the City Park Board of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in my work I will help to beautify the best city in the Middle West.—Robert Tucker, '31.

My plans for the summer are, as yet somewhat indefinite. I may work in the employ of the City Park Board of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a stone-setter in the construction of the Japanese Rose Gardens in Fort Wayne, or I may work as a pole-setter in the employ of the Indiana Service Corporation.—Joseph Logan, '31.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Shiel, D. D., has returned from a short vacation in Florida. Bishop Shiel is to open a Novena for the Holy Souls April 25 at the Chapel of the Helper of the Holy Souls, Chicago. On April 24, the Bishop will be at St. Viator College for the Celebration of Father O'Mahoney's Jubilee.

On his recent return from Florida, Father F. E. Munsch, c. s. v., spent several days with the Rev. Jeremiah P. O'Mahoney at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, where Father O'Mahoney is Chaplain of the Catholic students and Director of Crane Hall, their residence hall. He is doing excellent work for the Catholic students there, having introduced several reforms, and having raised the status of Crane Hall. Father O'Mahoney has achieved the distinction of a private secretary, a chauffeur for his fine new car, and a negro cook.

The Viatorian regrets to announce that the Rev. Peter F. Brown, c. s. v., Pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Simpson, Minn., is very ill.

Mr. Lowell A. Lawson, '17, prominent member of the Alumni Association and of the Extension Club of St. Viator College, has withdrawn from the active practice of law as a member of the firm of Ryan, Condon and Livingston. Mr. Lawson has assumed the duties of the vice-presidency of the Gateway Securities Company, mortgage investment bankers, and will henceforth be General Counsel for the John R. O'Connor organization, Real Estate Brokers and Builders. We hope Mr. Lawson has the best of success with Mr. O'Connor; both are loyal friends of the College. Mr. Lawson has offices at 1661 E. 79th St., Chicago; telephone Regent 4900.

The Rev. T. J. Lynch gave a little intellectual food to the members of the Joliet Catholic Woman's League recently in the form of a lecture on "Belloc, Poet, Essayist, Historian."

The Rev. J. A. Williams spent a few days at the College during the recent vacation.

Mr. Leon L. Drolet, who recently established a law office in Kankakee where he can be seen on Saturdays, reports that he is doing very well in his home town. Mr. Drolet's friends will be pleased to know that he has been received into the Inter-Fraternity, a select legal organization in Chicago.

"Jake" Walsko was at the College recently bidding good-bye to his friends before sailing for South America. He has cast his fortune with the Pan American Petroleum and Transportation Company, and mail will reach him if addressed in care of the aforesaid company at the Isle of Aruba, Dutch West Indies.

Our old friend Warren J. McClelland writes that he is doing fine in Washington, and that he has been granted a promotion in the Treasury Department.

Joseph Harrington sends fond remembrances to all his friends from New York. Joe is now with the New York Telegram.

John Benda, recently signed as regular backstop for Pat Harkins' Bloomington Three-I Baseball club, visited the College last Sunday afternoon and evening. Art Armbruster, Johnnie's classmate here at Viator two years ago, was with him. "Arm" is attending Wesleyan U. at Bloomington.

Obituary

Maurice F. Dillon

Maurice F. Dillon, of the High School class of 1914, died in Chicago on Easter Sunday morning. While attending St. Viator College Maurice was very well liked because of his magnetic personality and kindly disposition. He was an excellent student and was prominent in school activities. He was a member of a High School debating team that represented the school in an inter-school contest.

The funeral was held Wednesday, April 3 at Resurrection Church, Chicago. The Rev. E. Kissane sang the Solemn Mass of Requiem, and was assisted by the Rev. Francis Cleary, and the Rev. Gregory Galvin, c. s. v. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, c. s. v. Several priests from the College and a number of the school friends of the deceased attended the funeral.

The Viatorian extends its condolences to the family of the deceased, and prays that his soul may be at rest.

Father Dugas

The American Province of the Clerics of St. Viator once again joins the Canadian Province in mourning the death of another old priest who labored for the development of the Viatorians in this country. The death of Father Charlebois was followed on Monday, April 1st, by that of the seventy-two year old Father M. T. Dugas, c. s. v. Father Dugas was educated by the Viatorians in Canada; he entered the Community in 1881; he was ordained priest in 1887. Father Dugas held many responsible posts in Canada, and is the founder of a Viatorian College in Quebec. In 1902 he was sent to this Province and made assistant superior. He was pastor of St. Mary's Church, Beaverville, Ill., for six years until his appointment in 1908 to the Pastorate of the Church of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bourbonnais. He was succeeded here by Father Charlebois in 1912 and was recalled to Canada, where he labored in missionary work.

Father Dugas was the last to survive of a family of sixteen children, four of whom were raised to the dignity of the priesthood.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning, April 3, at the Novitiate at Joliet, Quebec, and was attended by the Superior General of the Clerics of St. Viator, the Very Rev. F. M. Roberge, c. s. v. The Very Rev. W. J. Surprenant, c. s. v., represented the American Province at the obsequies.

Silver Jubilee Of
Father O'Mahoney
Will Be Observed

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present president of St. Viator, the Very Rev. J. W. R. Maguire, c. s. v.

Business Activities

Father O'Mahoney retired from educational work in 1918. Since that time he has been engaged as treasurer of the college, and later, as treasurer of the St. Viator College Extension Club, with offices in the Strauss Building, Chicago.

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REV. CHARLEBOIS SUMMONED TO HIS ETERNAL REWARD

Sudden Death Terminates Long Career

The Reverend J. A. Charlebois died suddenly at Joliette Seminary on the morning of March 28. At six o'clock he went to the chapel for Holy Communion and was there seized with a violent pain in the chest. Retiring to his room, he was administered the Last Sacraments at the advice of a physician, and died two hours later.

His death marks the close of a long career of incessant labors. Born in 1853, at Rigaud, Quebec, he became Professor of the Bourget college of Rigaud at the early age of eighteen. After five years of teaching, he joined the clerics of St. Viator, who directed the college. A year later, at the age of twenty-four, he was ordained to the priesthood. Then commenced for him a long series of zealous labors, responsible offices, and fruitful achievements for his community. For years he taught philosophy, rhetoric, science and letters at both Rigaud and Joliette College. Later he became director of the juniorate department of his order in Canada, and then director of Rigaud College. For ten years (1908-1918) he was provincial of the Chicago province. For six years he was pastor of Maternity Church, Bourbonnais. For five years he fulfilled the office of superior of the Canadian province. And the last five years of his active life found him head of the Joliette Seminary, from which office he resigned to pass the last days of his life in prayer and retirement, free from the continual solicitude which had absorbed over fifty years of his life.

In reviewing the life of this great priest we are immediately impressed by the multiplied occupations, the high offices, and the splendid accomplishments that characterized his labors. And this impression is augmented when we reflect upon the incessant movement and the unusual success which accompanied his term in the various offices. At Maternity Parish, alone, his apostolic labors, continued for a period of eight years, stand out as the most fruitful and permanent in accomplishments. Combined with this we find him to be a man who made valuable use of every spare moment of his time. He was a stickler for order and regularity, arranging each moment of the day beforehand so that none would be lost, so that each hour might be rich in merit for himself and productive of good for his neighbor. It was natural enough then that under such conditions he should develop unusual abilities. In intellectual pursuits, in church music and poetry, in catechetical and pedagogical instruction, and especially in all that enters into the making of a popular and successful pastor he was among the most talented and versatile of his community.

And yet it is not these varied gifts and accomplishments, worthy of esteem and admiration though they be, that most of all impress us in the life of Father Charlebois. Rather it is something more simple, more open for emulation to the rest of us, and more important from a spiritual standpoint that attracts our attention. Father Charlebois despite his many occupations and seemingly incompatible offices, regarded rather the perfection with which he performed his tasks than the number and greatness of the tasks he performed. It is this simple rule that is at the foundation of his success



VERY REV. J. A. CHARLEBOIS, C. S. V.

as a priest and sanctity as a religious. He realized perfectly that all actions are equally great in the eyes of God. And consequently he put all his nervous energy, every bit of spiritual momentum behind even the most trivial action. Each rubric of the Divine services, each specification of canon law or the rule of his order was adhered to with scrupulous care.

This saintly priest is dearest to our hearts, however, because of his self-sacrifice and untiring efforts in behalf of the people of this parish. In his eight years of parish work he he created a permanent interest in church activities, organized Church societies, and contributed tremendously to the spiritual welfare. But especially he won an abiding place in the hearts of his parishioners. Every family knew him and loved him well. On some mission or other he made it a habit to visit the homes frequently. With St. Paul he became all things to all men that he might gain all to Christ. He concerned himself with their difficulties and spiritual problems. He personally organized and conducted sodalities, societies, Church choirs and concerts, and other activities. His gift for musical improvisation, which had amused his fellow students in former days, and which he had for a time scrupled to use in the world, not only became a means of delighting the families he visited, but was converted into the composition of hymns and other Church music.

His great love for children is perhaps the most beautiful side of his nature. The motto of his community, "Sinite parvulos venire ad me," was indelibly engraven in his heart. He knew the surname of every child in the parish.

In Father Charlebois the Viatorians lose one of the saintliest and most valuable of their members. His life serves as a striking proof of the community's power to lead souls on to exalted sanctity, and at the same time to prepare them carefully for a life of practical and fruitful service in the world.

Maurice Leclair of last year's graduating class, and a former debater, was out to the College Club Rooms for the Detroit and Dayton debates to see how the boys of this year are upholding the debating traditions of the College.

Negative Debate Team Halves Two

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superficially effective rebuttal of Mr. Stafford's serious objections revived once more Loyola's hopes and placed the debate into a discomfiting condition of uncertainty. In regard to analysis and possibly in evidence the teams were about equal. Loyola had a decided advantage in presentation, and we were undoubtedly superior in rebuttal work. It was on these points that Mr. Baker based his decision. Loyola presented us with a better team than it sent here in years. Mr. Conley and Mr. Ray were interesting, capable and experienced speakers, the kind that make debating really worth listening to. Let us hope that more debaters of this calibre will visit us from Loyola in the future.

Eugene Viator McGowan, who left Bourbonnais and St. Viator's in 1922, is working for the Lincoln Bakery Company, Jefferson and Bluff St., Joliet, Ill.

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Viatorians Care For Many Easter Missions

All of the priests and several of the brothers of St. Viator College were pressed into service Easter Sunday and officiated at various missions throughout the state. The following is a list of the Easter Sunday Missions:

Harvard, Ill., Fr. O'Conner.
Beaverville, Ill., Fr. Landroche.
Pullman, Ill., Fr. Cardinal.
St. Mark's (Chicago) Fr. Lowney.
Gibson City, Ill., Fr. J. Lynch.
Manteno, Ill., Fr. French.
St. Philip Neri (Chi) Fr. Rheams.
Winona (Minn.) Fr. Maguire.
Bradley, Ill., Fr. Munsch.
St. Rose (Kankakee) Fr. Marzano.
St. Patrick (Kankakee) Frs. Kelly, Swikowski.

Chicago Heights, Ill., Fr. Harrison.
Hospital (Kankakee) Fr. Rice.
Holy Angels (Chi.) Fr. T. Lynch.
St. Anthony (Joliet) Fr. Bradac.
Maternity (Bourbonnais) Fr. La-Plante.
St. Charles, Ill., Fr. Vien.
St. Stanislaus (Kankakee) Fr. Phillips.

Subdeacons
St. Mary's (Kankakee) Bro. Walsh.
St. Stanislaus (Kankakee) Bro. McCarthy.
St. Mark's (Chicago) Bro. Cracknell.
Manteno, Ill., Bro. Hutton.
Bradley, Ill., Bro. La Marre.
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Fair Thalia smile benignly on and sweetly cast thy charms upon
—The Punster.

Et tu Melpomene, taint not thy mind with a maiden essay which
ne'er is thine.

Euterpe, o-pun up thy crafts and shield this work from pungent
shafts.

And thou Terpsichore, is thy thundering heard at rainbow garden
still?

From Parnassus' heights are thy affections fled to the city of "I
will"!

Here here, that will do now.

This lyric poetry is like spring fever. It gets under the skin.

Punster Loyalty Song.

My analyze over the ocean.

My analyze over the sea.

My analyze over the ocean,

Oh, bring back my anatomy.

(With apologies to the "Anapests" of Anatole, France.)

The Diary of the Campus Cheerleader

Dear Dad: Your financial aid I must inlore. I've never been
hoarse like this before.

Dear Son: A check for you I'll ne' endorse. You're not come
to college to be a draft-hoarse.

Freshman, fascinated by the intricacies of a pretzel-bending
machine in operation: "Man! But that's what I call crooked work."

Say Oscar! What do you think of the suit? It set me back
exactly sixty bucks.

Song Suggestions for Examinations

For the teacher—"King for a day."

For the student—"I'll get by."

For those who have passed with F or lower from the maze of
Coffey's Ontology into the fair fields of Mercier's Criteriology—
"You're the cream of my coffee."

For the prof. who catches his student cheating—"My wild
Irish rose."

Dedicating Essay of "The Punster"

All uncertainty as to the outcome of the contest was now
removed. Inserting the hundredth cigarette between his lips,
flaring up a Catholic match, and inhaling deeply of its deadly
fumes, the champion tottered drunkenly for a moment, fanned
the air feebly with his arms, and then collapsed heavily into a
luxurious divan. The visage assumed a sickly yellow hue, the
eye-balls bulged, the clouded head swam, and the wasted features
assumed a convulsed and hideous expression. He was in violent
and excruciating pain. A protracted fit of coughing took hold on
him and shook the emaciated frame like a bowl of jello on a wait-
er's tray. The half-consumed camel slipped from his fingers and
dropped silently to the floor. For a moment he lay there, taut
and motionless, fixing his eyes on the flickering light of the cigar-
ette and its thin blue curls of smoke. Then motioning me myster-
iously to his side, he smiled grimly at the coffin-nail and whispered
softly in my ear, "That's the last straw old boy, I'm all fagged
out."

Open to students of the Latin classes

"The Punster" awards a chance on the "Viatome," to be
raffled off on the next Conge for the most life-like, free-hand
sketch of Caesar sitting on a Gaul stone.

"Man! But that was a crusty thing to do."

"Wazzat?"

"Try to make blackberry pie without any blackberries."

"What's that you say, Joe, is Sammy going to the dogs
again?"

"Yep! He's back at the shoe business."

Young Woman (somewhat nervously): "I'll take a can of rat
poison, please."

"Here you are madam. This will kill the old dog for you."

"Don't get smart. I want you to know I love my husband."

Dear Doc: I'm troubled with water on the knee.

Dear Patient: Have you tried wearing pumps yet?

The Punster next presents a witching comedy entitled, "The
Library Farce."

First Act—A group of students gather about a table and
start yapping together. The librarian looks demurely around,
and then, in an ironical strain, "Please don't whisper so loud. You
will disturb the Monsignor."

Second Act—same scene. A new student (a little Greek boy)
comes dashing in, about dinner time. He sits hurriedly at one
of the "Thompson" chairs, and then addresses the librarian, "I'll
take a rostabif sangwich, stromberry pie, two cups scawfee, and
zoup keed."

Third Act—Same scene. . . . dots showing elapse of
time. . . . Censored. The remarks were too shrewd per-
haps.

At The Majestic

April 14, Sunday. "Lone Wolf's
Daughter" with Dorothy Keith, Bert
Lytell, and Gertrude Olmstead. A
silent picture. A fine entertainment.
The use of television in this story
and film caused much comment. Good.
Also the regular three acts of Keith-
Orpheum circuit.

April 15, 16, 17, 18. "The Canary
Murder Case," with Louise Brooks,
Wm. Powell, James Hall and Jean
Arthur. A revelation in sil-talking
pictures. S. S. Vandine's celebrated
novel. Philo Vance, the renowned
detective, again solves a murder
mystery that baffles the world. Also
Charley Chase in "Loud Soup."

April 19, 20. "Red Dance," with
Dolores Del Rio and Chas. Farrell.
Again Dolores scores a hit in this
unique picture. Pathe Sound News
and Vitaphone vodvil sketch are the
added attractions.

Sunday, April 21. "The Shake
Down," with James Murray, Barbara
Kent. Universal's latest—a frame-up
fight and then the gang starts the
real fight. Plenty of action. Usual
three acts of Sunday vodvil.

April 22, 23, 24. "Alias Jimmy
Valentine," with Wm. Haines. We
have with us again Wm. Haines in
his latest picture—sorry to say it's
a silent production. Added a syn-
chronized feature "Hawaiian Lone
Call."

April 25, 26, 27. "Stark Mad," with
a galaxy of stars—H. B. Walthall,
Jacqueline Logan, Louise Fazenda
and H. B. Warner. A sensational
all-talking thriller—worth hearing
and seeing this film classic. Added
"Our gang" in "The Holy Terror."

At The Luna

Sunday, April 14. "Red Sword,"
with Marian Nixon, Carmel Myers
and Wm. Collier, Jr. F. B. O. pro-
duction. Red revelry—Russia in the
brave old days. She was a plaything
for a Czar. Only one day for this
wonder screen drama.

April 15, 16, 17. "Desert Nights,"
drama with John Gilbert, Ernest Tor-
rence and Mary Nolan. Primitive
passion out on the desert. He offered
her the last of his precious water
—romance a plenty. Added attrac-
tion the Lewis-Sonnenberg wrestling
match—don't miss this double attraction.

April 18, 19, 20. "Spite Marriage,"
with Dorothy Sebastian and Buster
Keaton. This is a scream of a
comedy-drama. Added attraction,
Bobby Vernon in "Turn 'em Loose."

Sunday, April 21. "Overland Tele-
graph," with Tim McCoy. Again we
review the frontier days—days of the
pony express. Also the Heeney-von
Porat fight pictures. Don't fail to
see this double attraction.

April 22, 23, 24. "Wolf Song,"
with Lupe Valez and Gary Cooper.
Two of Paramount's most popular
screen stars in this picture of the
primitive North. Rated as 85%
good. Also Goofey Dooley in his
latest comedy "Crazy Doings."

April 25, 26, 27. "The Greyhound
Limited," with Monte Blue and Edna
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Are Public Expenditures for Higher Education Economically Justifiable?

Thomas R. Doyle, '30

A question of much interest today
in the field of Public Finance is
whether or not public expenditures
for higher education are economically
justifiable. To many people, money
spent for higher education is so much
money wasted by the State while
others hold that money spent by the
State for higher education is a good
investment and will yield very great
profits.

As there are no definite figures
available for the public expenditures
for higher education, it is necessary
to compile a rough estimate. This
may be done by considering first of
all the total number of pupils en-
rolled in public institutions offering
higher education. The following
figures are taken from the Statistical
Abstract of the United States for
the year 1926.

Total pupils enrolled in schools
specified, for the year 1924.

Public High Schools in the United
States. Total pupils 2,538,381

Public Normal Schools and Teach-
ers Colleges in the United States.
Total pupils 273,107

Public Universities, Colleges and
Professional schools in the United
States. Total pupils 726,124

3,527,612

According to an estimate prepared
by Dr. Frank M. Phillips, chief of
United States bureau of education in
the division of statistics of the
1927, it costs the public about \$100
per year for every pupil enrolled in
the public schools. This figure in-
cludes the cost of education in the
grammar schools, as well as in higher
schools, so it may be assumed to be
conservative for the latter. On this
basis therefore, the Public (National,
State and subordinate units) is
spending annually about \$352,761,200
for "Higher Education." Our pur-
pose is to determine whether or not
this enormous expenditure is econom-
ically justifiable.

One of the first considerations of
the question should be from the col-
lective point of view. In making an
observation on the financial part of
public administration, one cannot
proceed very far unless he will first
stop and note certain marked dif-
ferences between public and private
financing. Thus it can be readily
seen that individuals or corporations
whose primary aim is to reap a profit
from an investment will be debarred
from many lines of expenditure
which a government may and must
properly enter upon.

In the first place it is necessary
for an individual to consider an in-
vestment as more or less temporary
in character. He knows and figures
that he will live only so long, so he
does not contemplate investments
that run into long periods of time.
With the State it is entirely different.
The State presumably will live al-
ways as long as the world stands, so
it is in a position to engage in long
time investments. In this matter of
education the state may rightly con-
sider the ultimate and final effect of
expenditures, not confining itself to
the immediate demands for instruc-
tion measured by what the people
would be willing to pay for if educa-
tion were a private affair. To say
nothing of the necessity of general
intelligence for the realization of
popular government, or because of
its bearing upon the character of
society, it must be regarded as a
sound investment for the State to
undertake the maintenance of the
most advanced education even going
so far as to provide support for
scientific research of all sorts and
for art education; because it is prac-

tically certain that every new discov-
ery and every talent developed will
sooner or later find their place in the
economy of industry and react upon
the life and aims of the people. This
view, however, is very radically op-
posed to that of the individual, who,
conscious that he will not live for-
ever, judges every investment on the
basis of proximate rather than ulti-
mate results.

In the second place an individual
is under the necessity of providing
for a quick return upon his invest-
ment in order that he may maintain
his credit standing and the standing
of the business in which he is en-
gaged. On the other hand, the State,
whose credit does not rest entirely
upon the fact that money appropri-
ated comes to be the source of defi-
nite income, may be rightly influenced
by considerations of ultimate rather
than immediate gain. Let us con-
sider an example of this. Suppose
that the State furnishes free higher
education, whether it be secondary
education or higher education of the
college or university type, to thous-
ands of individuals. Apparently there
is no return to the State for this
enormous outlay of funds and cer-
tainly it is true that there is no im-
mediate return. Yet, in the long run,
it is undoubtedly true that there is
an immeasurable return to the State.

Statistics show that less than one
per cent of the American people are
college graduates; yet 57 per cent of
our presidents, 54 per cent of our
vice-presidents, 64 per cent of our
secretaries of state, and 69 per cent
of the members of the supreme court
have been college graduates. If out
of these thousands whom the State
educated free there should be pro-
duced another Edison, another Mar-
coni, or another Lindbergh then
certainly the State has reaped a good
profit on its investment. These men
by their advances in their respective
fields have made possible better
economic conditions for millions of
people. Thus we can trace the
we find that indirectly it may be the
State's investment in education and
cause of better living conditions for
millions of people throughout the
entire country. Can anyone then
deny that public expenditures for
higher education are economically
justifiable?

As was mentioned before, an in-
dividual must invest in something
that will yield a quick return. For
instance, an individual seldom if ever
attempts to develop a system of
forestry, since such an investment
must continue for at least thirty
years before it begins to return a
profit and this is too long an invest-
ment for the ordinary span of human
life. While it is true that a certain
amount of value would accrue each
year on account of the growth of the
has not yet sufficiently developed to
enable this increment to be trans-
formed easily into an annual income
so that forestry is not attractive to
the ordinary investor. But to the
State, to which thirty years is a
comparatively short period of time,
investing large sums in forestry
would be justifiable provided the
growing of trees is itself of public
advantage and the ultimate outcome
of the investment reasonably sure.
Its credit during the period in which
the investment is unproductive rests
upon its power of securing revenue
by taxes and the government is con-
sequently able to secure capital for
the establishment of forestry at the
lowest possible rate of interest.

While we can hardly compare
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BASEBALL SEASON OPENS AT MILLIKIN THURS. NEXT WEEK

Prospects for Good Season Excellent

With the basketball season a thing of the past Viator athletes have turned to baseball. With the first call for candidates a large number of diamond devotees responded. Since that time Coach McAllister has cut the squad to twenty men. It is most likely that a second cut will be made which will reduce the squad to sixteen men. The candidates for the various position are working hard every night to round into shape for the Little Nineteen Season.

A blow to the Irish chances for supremacy on Illinois College diamonds was received when the injured shoulder of "Red" O'Malley failed to respond to treatment. O'Malley had his right shoulder injured in the Millikin football game last fall, and it grew worse in basketball season. Undaunted, however, O'Malley has been throwing with his left arm in practice and may develop enough skill as a southpaw to fit into the lineup by the time the season starts, even if his right arm is still unfit for serious use.

In batting practice the Viator team has shown a great improvement in hitting over that displayed by the team last year. The whole squad is hitting the ball often and hard. Viator opens its season on the eighteenth with Millikin at Decatur and on the next day they tackle Wesleyan at Bloomington. The Irish have fifteen conference games on their schedule this year and entertain high hopes of bringing the championship back to the local institution.

Don Laenhardt, one of the best first basemen in the conference, will captain this year's team. Lefty has been doing things both at bat and in the field during the practice sessions. "Boob" Evard will be back at second again this year. The graceful Frenchman has been playing flash ball at the keystone sack. Ross, a newcomer, is playing shortstop and turning in a fine job of it. He is also welding the stick in fine shape. McHugh and Clothier are fighting it out for the hot corner. Both are playing good ball and Ken Clothier's hitting has improved since he turned to batting from the portside of the plate. Paul O'Malley is another candidate for the initial sack.

In the outfield there is a real battle for the positions. O'Malley and Furlong are veterans from last year, but the newcomers are pressing them hard for positions. The new candidates for the outfield positions are: Long, Meis, Rosensteel, Hamilton, Navigato, and Anderson.

There are four candidates for the backstop position: Hoog and Logan are veterans from last year while Romary and Ahearn are Freshmen. Ahearn, although small, is a classy receiver, and has showed up particularly good in practice.

Hanahan and Herbert are the only two pitchers left from last year. Both have their arms in good shape and can be counted upon for many victories this year. "Bill" Todd, who played third last year, has turned

St. Xavier

St. Xavier College of Cincinnati has for years been one of our keenest rivals in the forensic field. An annual contest has been held either here or at Cincinnati, and strangely enough the visiting team has always managed to get the decision. This year, with an eye to the definite settlement of this much disputed debating supremacy, a dual debate was scheduled. As fortune would have it, however, while our affirmative team lost at Cincinnati, the negative evened up matters by winning here. The situation consequently is as unsettled as before.

We have heard the story before of our traveling teams losing by the closest margin. But we have the facts this time. The critic judge, with a systematic method of counting, totaled up the relative achievements of both teams and then awarded the decision to Cincinnati by a score of 274 against 272 for our affirmative team. And he furthermore remarked that we had the more difficult side of the question to defend. The debate here, won by our negative team, was probably as close for there was much discussion afterwards as to whom the decision rightfully belonged. Mr. McGrath, for years the debating idol of St. Xaviers, did not make his appearance this year. We understand however that he is now coaching the teams. If so, his abilities have already manifested themselves. We were presented with an experienced, capable team that provided a splendid debate. Mr. Doyle, whom we met last year, showed a remarkable improvement over his work of last season. His rebuttals were very effective. Mr. Cook furnished the entertainment. His travesty of the jury system was the kind of speech we like to hear in a debate. It was replete with graphic, humorous descriptions in the choicest language. For our negative team, Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Murphy were unusually good. After performing indifferently in the earlier debates they stepped into the role of brilliant debaters. The improvement in their delivery and rebuttal work was remarkable. Mr. Stafford for the first time this season had an off-night. His customary attack, usually so disconcerting to the opponents, lacked its customary fire and directness. Mr. Yeager's criticism of his aggressive tactics in a previous debate may have had a restraining effect upon him. This contest marked the fourth consecutive win for the negative team.

Woolworth's and the hat check girls are about the only people left who insist on cash.

back to his old job on the slab and in all probability will be one of the mainstays of the pitching staff. "Lefty" McCarron and Morgan, two new pitchers, have been going good in the practice sessions.

The roster of the squad at present is:

Pitchers: Hanahan, Herbert, Todd, McCarron, and Morgan.
Catchers: Hoog, Ahearn, Romary, and Logan.

Infielders: Captain Laenhardt, Evard, Ross, McHugh, Clothier, and Paul O'Malley.

Outfielders: O'Malley, Long, Meis, Furlong, Rosensteel, Hamilton, Navigato, and Anderson.

Campus Briefs

Viator's itinerant debaters, Al Nolan, "Torchy" Warne and Don Laenhardt, report that they spent a most enjoyable time in Detroit. Friends of Viator were most hospitable to the forensic artists during their brief stay in the Motor City.

The debaters bring back glowing reports of Mr. Ford's industry and also of his air port. Attention: Linus Meis and John Herbert.

The crack of the hickory on the "hosshide" has enlivened the campus during the past few weeks. Father Kelly seems to be watching his favorite pastime with a keen eye this year. Must be going to have a winner.

Although "Torchy" Warne was the smallest of the trio to make the Detroit trip the little fellow did not fail to take his appetite along. During spare moments the official guide asked if there were anything the Bourbonnais boys would like to see. Up spoke our hero, "Sure, a restaurant."

About half of the third corridor made the higer a to Rosary College to attend the Formal at that famous school. Rumor tells us that the boys had a fine time.

"Mike" Delaney, erstwhile Viator athlete, sent a five year old alligator to Meis, Herbert, Hanahan and Laenhardt. The Four Skeeters named the brute "Mike" in honor of the donor. Yes, it is still asleep. Professor Kennedy arranged a rather elaborate abode for the reptile in the Lab. It won't be long now until "Mike" will be stuffed.

The warm weather brought the campus into its own. The grass and shrubs have assumed the hues and colors which make Viator a place of beauty during the spring.

Someone absconded with Charles Clifford's rifle just when that mighty Nimrod was about to exterminate all the gophers in these parts. A liberal reward will be offered to the one who divulges the whereabouts of the missing firearm (?).

Ho—Hum. Just six more weeks. The Seniors are already writing for prospective positions as bank presidents, etc. Oh! Well, they will wake up.

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St. Viator Alumni Recent Recipients Of Great Honours

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Batavia, Illinois. In 1913 he was appointed Permanent Rector of St. Mary's Parish, Aurora, where he is still located.

Monsignor McGuire has distinguished himself for his labors in the interests of his people, his diocese, and for Catholic Education. Bishop Muldoon detected his administrative abilities and made him a member of the Board of Diocesan Consultors. Bishop Hoban has honored him with the appointment of Rural Dean over all the Clergy in DeKalb, Kane and Kendall Counties.

Monsignor Connor

Monsignor Connor studied at St. Viator College from 1909 until 1911, having registered from his home town, Wilmington, Illinois. Next he attended St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he finished his Theology in 1916; he was ordained by the late Bishop Muldoon, first Bishop of the Rockford Diocese. After studying at the Catholic University at Washington and teaching History for one year at St. Viator College, he was assistant at St. James' Pro-Cathedral in Rockford for several years. He was made the Secretary of the Bishop and Chancellor of the Diocese, and in addition was given the task of organizing the Parish of St. Peter in Rockford. His unusual success in all these appointments merited his being named Administrator of the Diocese during the inter-regnum between the demise of the late Bishop Muldoon and the appointment of Bishop Hoban to the Diocese of Rockford. He was retained as Chancellor by the new Ordinary, and in

addition has recently been named a member of the Board of Diocesan Consultors, and Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith.

The investiture of the three new monsignors will take place soon: Father Burns will be Monsignor officially May 12; Father McGuire, April 28; Father Connor, May 5.

Bergin Debaters Enjoy Good Trip

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debates were very well attended and the Viator debaters were the recipients of much applause wherever they made an appearance. The Loyola debate marked the final appearance of Allen Nolan and Don Laenhardt on the rostrum. Both of these debaters are Seniors and will be graduated in June. For the past four years Mr. Nolan has been one of the outstanding intercollegiate debaters in the Mid-West. He was a member of the Viator team that toured the East several years ago and his graduation will leave a big gap in Viator's forensic ranks. Don Laenhardt engaged this year for the first time in debating and he rounded out the road team that enjoyed such phenomenal success this year. Lloyd Warne, the third member, is a Sophomore and he has two more years of competition. Despite the fact that this was his first year he showed great promise and now he stands among the best in collegiate ranks.

The Sophs and Juniors are working rather hard on their Spring Dance which will take place within the next few weeks. An orchestra from Kansas City has been engaged to entertain the dancers.

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Ebb Tide

For eighteen years the Boston Transcript has annually compiled the enrollments of ninety representative American colleges and universities and presented its figures as a typically national survey. They have been acceptable, inasmuch as the curve that has been true for these institutions would have been just as true for the many smaller colleges left out. It finds that there are today six times as many students in these colleges as were there thirty years ago. For the decade between 1890 and 1900 the gain was over 4500 a year. For the next decade that gain was nearly 10,000 a year. For the decade up to 1920 it was 20,000 a year, and it has touched 50,000 since then. Lately there has been a steady slowing up of this phenomenal increase, until now it appears likely that the saturation point will shortly be reached.

The interesting point about these figures is that this year the rate of increase has dropped to the lowest since the war. For the last five years the per cent gain has been 6.5, 5.1, 4.7, 4.8, and 3. The tendency has obviously been a slowing up of college registration. The gain last year over the previous year was 13,800; this year it is 9000. The total enrollment in the selected institutions is now 301,363.

It is in the freshman classes that the figures best show conditions. Last fall 75,733 entered these ninety colleges and universities as compared to 76,029 in 1927, a per cent loss of 0.389. Throughout the country half of the colleges report small freshman increases, and half small losses. The peak seems to have been reached in the number of incoming freshmen. This may be due to a number of causes. Such a tremendous gain per year as happened in the first years following the armistice in Europe could not possibly be maintained permanently under the best of conditions. In the West the farming situation has not been conducive to heavier college registration. There has been the development during this period of the junior college, which is not reckoned with in the figures above, and which undoubtedly has drawn students from the smaller Western institutions. There has been the movement among the endowed universities in the country toward limitation of numbers, so as deliberately to hold down the number of students to the equipment and the size of the faculty.

Whatever has been the cause of the halt in the upward college enrollment movement, the fact is established that the American college is approaching a stabilization of student attendance which will permit of a stabilization of everything else connected with its work—teaching staff, courses, and building equipment. This, of course, is wholly to the advantage of the college. When the great rush to the colleges began

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forestry with education, the example cited above illustrates the point. As the State's investment in forestry would be unproductive for a while, likewise its investment in higher education is also unproductive for a number of years. When the results appear however, it is evident that the State has profited because the standard of living conditions is made better through education; better living conditions aid the individual and after all the State exists for the individual, not the individual for the State.

There is a vastly different interpretation to "profitable investment" as applied to the investment of an individual and to a State investment. When an individual makes what he considers a profitable investment, he has money profit in mind. The State regards an expenditure as productive which results in the creation of any social, political or industrial conditions essential in the efficiency of private enterprise. Even though the profit arising from such an expenditure accrues directly to the in-

dividual, it is justified if the industries of the country are thereby raised to a higher grade of technique or if labor is rendered more productive in consequence. But the State also derives a certain pecuniary advantage from such an investment in that its revenue through taxes is increased.

My conclusion then is, since the State is the people organized in their collective capacity and consequently the wants of the State are the wants of the people whose servant the State is, the State should make provision for higher education. We need but to glance through the pages of history to see the beneficial effects of education; how the world has been transformed from a barbarous and wild state to a safe and civilized place in which to live. The cry for higher education is great today. People want and demand it. Since the State is the servant of the people, the State should provide higher education and these expenditures are economically justifiable since they satisfy the wants of the people.

at the close of the war, the colleges themselves were unprepared. Their faculties were distributed, owing to enlistment and war work. Their new faculty material had for the moment fallen behind the demand. Their funds had come to a standstill. Their physical equipment had been standing still. They had to begin all over again. The result for a time was close to chaos, with finances in a bad way and more students knocking at the door than there was room for. The colleges gradually caught up with the flood of students, but it has been only lately that some measure of comfort has again found its way into their operation, and even now this is true only in a comparative sense. The rush of new students during this period has been a healthy thing, but it will be a relief to the colleges themselves to find that it is now slowing down and that the educational business is again approaching normal. The new normal, however, will be at a higher level than before the war. And in general the American college has risen to that new and higher level in its operation. —The Yale Alumni Weekly.

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