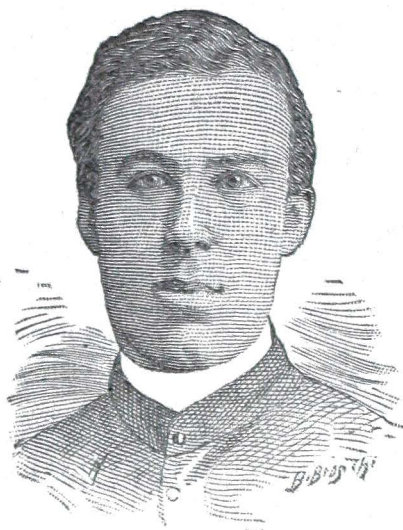


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### EDITORIALS.

ST. VIATEUR'S has resumed all its wonted activity; an unusually large attendance from the very start; most of the classical students continue their studies--many new ones enter the list; two full commercial classes open up with much push; philosophy too, and theology are well patronized; elocution, military drills, band, orchestra, base ball and the dramatic and literary societies, all are organized and in lively progress. We may expect big results.

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THE JOURNAL will follow with much interest the march of the scholastic year '88 & '89.

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THE YOUNG Community of St. Viateur celebrated its 50th. anniversary Friday the 2nd. ult. Full account of the brilliant demonstrations held here on the occasion will be found in the body of the paper. The JOURNAL voices the thanks of the

students to the Viatorian Clerics and wishes them continued increase and prosperity.

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THE EDITORS, "We," will be pleased to devote as much space as may be desired, to the interests of the Roy Memorial Association.

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THE ORCHESTRA has been placed under the successful leadership of Prof. Gastine. It becomes a regular association with a membership of 17. They propose monthly musicales in the Hall and occasional recitals outside.

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THE BATTALION remains in the able command of Rev. J. P. Dore, who is bent on making it even a grander success than it was last year.

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THE COLLEGE BAND becomes the S. V. C. Military Band conducted by Prof. P. Sullivan. The members (15) are to wear a special uniform.

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WE ARE pleased to publish in this issue Mr. H. Legris, masterly discourse on "The American Constitution and Civilization." We hope to be often favored with like dashes from the pen of the gifted orator of our last commencement day.

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MOST GRATIFYING returns are coming in every day from those interested in the Gold Watch raffle.

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TO BEGIN WELL is important, and it is now we are beginning. Upon our first step will largely depend our success or our failure in this year's work. And for a young man there should be no such a thing as failure contemplated.



FROM WILSTACH'S DANTE.

CANTO TWENTY-SIXTH.

ARGUMENT;

Satirical apostrophe to Florence. The eighth Pit, after difficult climbing, yawns before the advance of the Poets. Here they behold the spirits of false counsellors swathed in wreaths of fire, like the horses of Elijah's chariot. Virgil announces that two of these wreaths, joined in one, and parted only at the summit, are the spirits of Ulysses and Diomedes, and with them Virgil converses.

Persons speaking: Dante. The shade of Virgil. Ulysses.

Persons Appearing: Diomedes, and other spirits, swathed in wreaths of fire.

Florence, rejoice, since that thou art so great  
That beat o'er land and sea thy widening wings,  
And throughout Hell thy reputation rings!  
Five such among the thieves I found to mate,  
Thy citizens all; whence shame doth o'er me creep,  
And thou dost not into great honor leap.  
But, if near morning truth is dreamed, not long  
Shall't be before thy home shall feel what crave  
Against thee Prato and her allies brave.

'T were well did it this moment thrill my song;  
So may it be, since that it must be so,  
'T will more me grieve when I shall older grow!  
Thence parted we, and by the stairs the wall  
Had given us to descend before, my Guide  
Remounted, and me helped the rocks to stride.  
And here, relieved of ghosts and Demons all,  
Hands, feet, were busy in our progress made  
Among the rocks the next grim arch betrayed.

There did I grieve, and here I grieve again,  
When memory brings me back to sights there seen;  
And, lest my genius run with speed too keen,  
I place it under Virtue's guiding rein:  
If kindly star, or something better, lift  
My song to higher planes, I hail the gift!  
As numerous as the fire-flies' gleams which sees  
A peasant resting on the hill, in days  
When he who lights the world the least time stays

From us removed, and when the peasant's ease  
Now gnats, not flies, annoy, along the vale  
Wherein he plows, or reaps, or swings the flail:

With flames thus numerous gleamed, as I perceived  
The eighth Pit, soon as to a favorable place  
I came wherefrom mine eye the view could trace;  
And, like as he, the Prophet old aggrieved  
Whom bears avenged, saw mount erect to Heaven  
The steeds before Elijah's chariot driven,

Which, unto him, who stood on earth below,  
Seemed, as its path it took through distant space,  
A cloudlet winged which wrapt Elijah's face,  
Thus did those flames along that gullet glow;  
For none the secret theft it holds reveals,  
Yet every flame thereof a sinner steals.  
My place of view was on the bridge's rise,  
Wherefrom I so strained forward that alone  
Saved me a rock from being overthrown.

And said my Guide who marked my busy eyes:  
"Within those fires the spirits are, and swathes  
Himself each one with flame his body bathe."  
"My Master," thus I said, "thy word decides,  
The fact, natheless, I did at once discern;  
But this I would of thine indulgence learn:  
Whose flame is that which at the top divides,  
As that from out the funeral pyre did soar,  
Which Eteocles and his brother bore?"

"Tortured therein Ulysses rolls," he said,  
"And Diomedes writhes; and thus in punishments  
guage  
They run together as before in rage.  
And in their flame they utter groanings dread  
Because of that schemed ambush of the horse,  
That door whence noble Romans claim their  
source.

There, too, the artifice shrewd they sore bewail  
Whereby Deidamia dead yet weeps her lord  
Achilles, and the Palladium's theft abhorred."

"If they within those sparks can tell their tale,  
Master, I pray thee much, and pray again,  
Until my prayers to thousands may attain,  
Refuse me not permission here to wait  
Until to this point comes the horn-shaped flame  
At which thou seest I all mine ardor aim."  
And he to me: "Of commendation great  
Is worthy thy request; I it concede;  
But do not thou in this thing take the lead.

"Leave speech to me, for know I thy desire,  
And they perhaps, being Greeks, thy words might  
meet  
With coldness which our purpose would defeat."  
When suited, then, time, place, and waving fire



— Rev. J.P.Dore. will go to Springfield next week on military business.

— "When is a joke not a joke?" *Ans.* When Carroll tries to tell it.

— The juniors' new hand-ball alley is a jewel. There are many good players developing. Why not challenge a senior three?"

— A marked improvement has recently been effected in the extension of the printing office. The printers will have double the room they had before.

— Our old friend Harry Hynes is back again. Not the giddy, gabbing, restless, talking machine of '84. Ah, no! Harry now walks slowly, talks politics or religion, never breaks the rules, and is all in all a model boy: the pride of his professors and the comfort of the prefects. ( This is not a paid notice. Eds. )

— The Drum Corps has been disbanded and the band turned into a military organisation. It will play at each dress parade, and it is hoped will give an occasional moonlight concert, weather permitting.

— Rev. Jos. Moysant, '84, of Notre Dame Church, Chicago, spent last week with us. Father Moysant we are sorry to say is not enjoying good health. We hope that his next visit with us will find him entirely recovered.

— Rev. J. Lalor, D. D., of Laval University, Quebec, occupies the chair of theology this year.

— Rev. M. Letellier, of Menominee, Mich., makes a handsome gift of \$1000.00 to the novitiate.

— Rev. J. Lesage, of St. George, Ill., has just returned from an extensive tour in Kansas and neighboring states.

— The Knights of the Sword, twenty in number, enjoyed a pleasant ride to Kankakee last week. A jolly good time was the order.

— On the second Sunday of October of this year is celebrated the feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin. The church of Bourbonnais will rejoice on that day for it will honor in a special manner the Maternity of Our Lady under which title the present church is known.

— What about that game of baseball which the College nine played in Wilmington recently?!

— Who says that the Dormitory is locked after ten P. M.

— St. Michael's day was celebrated with the usual ceremonies.

— What shall we do with those Knights who disturb the peace at undue hours of night and keep a respectable body of people from enjoying their needed rest???

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#### ROY MEMORIAL NOTES.

Owing to the great haste in which the first report was prepared the name of Rev. J. S. Finn, of Chicago, do-

nor of \$50.00, was omitted. We regret the mistake and promise not to do it again.

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It is decided that the chapel will be built next Spring. Active steps are now being taken towards its erection. The plans are drawn and adopted and the stone is on the way.

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It becomes more evident every day that St Viateur's must be enlarged. Even this year the number of students is so markedly increased as to actually demand more room. And nothing indicates that the steadily swelling current which is now directed towards the college will subside. On the contrary, with events merely following in the natural course of ordinary contingencies, everything points to the certainty that St. Viateur's is destined to become one of the most important posts of learning in the West. And if besides its natural and splendid advantages of location, healthfulness, etc., it have the support of its hundreds of alumni, there can be no doubt that St. Viateur's will fully develop all its grand possibilities.

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Revds. D. B. Toomey and N. N. Gosselin and Messrs. J. Lebrun and F. X. Hebert are most favorably heard from.

It will interest many of our members to read the following letter from Mr. Jos. Guimont.

Rev. G. M. Legris.

My dear friend.

I have received your kind invitation for the meeting of the old students of our dear "Alma Mater." I am sorry to say that you may not number me with you for the 26th., but be assured that I am in conformity with all the resolutions which will be passed by you; and that I shall certainly contribute my humble share for the undertaking. Please remember me to all the old friends, whom I do not forget, although a great distance from you all.

I remain one of the oldest of dear old St Viateur's College.

Joseph Guimont.

P. S. Please to give me a "compte-rendu" of the assembly and oblige

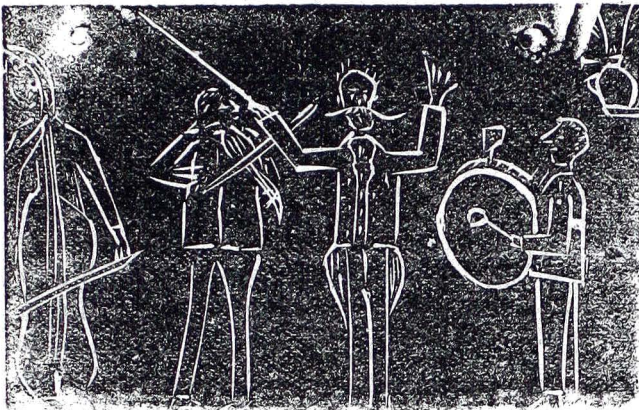
J. G.



— St. Viateur's Day, the 21st, falling on Sunday, the entertainment will be given on Tuesday evening the 23 and the day celebrated on the 24.



— By the powers . . . of my legs I am sure to be in time, I'm bound to be in time; and he was n't.



— There is nothing like being in earnest. Prof. Gastine says he shall produce an excellent orchestra. No doubt he shall succeed.

### NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.

When success has crowned labor's efforts, and elevated some one above the level of his fellows, the attention of those he has left beneath him becomes riveted upon him, and the question is often discussed as to what were the causes of his good fortune. It matters not what career he may have chosen, what road he may have followed: this is a matter of minor importance. Many and opposite will be the opinions expressed as to what were the means by which he rose to honor and power. If he is prominent as a statesman, if his voice is powerful in shaping the legislative course of his country, his prominence will be attributed by some to good fortune, to a happy union of circumstances, to the peculiar condition of the state at the time; while others will affirm that his pleasing address, his eloquence, and social connections have lifted him to his present height. If he has worked his way onward and upward as a scientist or made a name as a painter or sculptor,

or carved out a reputation for himself in some of the professions, it will be said that his knowledge, skill, or perseverance were the engines which propelled him to his end. There is something of truth in all these opinions; but there is a factor which is often lost sight of in casting about for the success of successful men, and this is the minor and primary successes which rewarded their efforts while struggling for the ultimate object of their desires. Native abilities do not always win success; nor is knowledge or skill or industry an absolute guarantee that the heart's purposes will be obtained. The world's history is full of the names of those who possessed some of these qualifications, or who lived in times when success was to be more easily obtained, and who perhaps had pre-eminent advantages of social standing, and yet, upon the record of thousands the word failure has been stamped. Great men's sons do not always become great men. Often they want the ability, or the desire, or the opportunity to become great; and often again the sons of the illiterate far outstrip those of the learned in the race of life. Ability also may be deprived of opportunities to exercise its powers, and skill, which can give success, may exist without courage and perseverance. No doubt these can and do often give success when success is possible, yet its root and foundation are those first primary successes which each must obtain: for experience proves that none obtain ultimate success without them. Moreover without them, success, as a rule, would be unattainable or to be reached by a happy chance or freak of fortune. The young student who takes up, for the first, a classical course or pursues any of the sciences, is frightened at first sight, at the length of time required to master the work undertaken, at the number of things necessary to be studied and known, and at the difficulties presented by the strange study itself. If he do not meet with success in comprehending and in making his own the first primary principles of the subject, which is studied, the farther he progresses in the work the more confused becomes his mind, all interest is lost, the study becomes a burden, time is lost, and when he sums up the results of a year's work, he is forced to confess that it has been a time of failure. But let him succeed in impressing on his mind these same fundamental principles, let him understand them thoroughly, and study becomes a pleasure, each step taken helps him farther on his course, each principle comprehended leads to the knowledge of other principles, gives interest to his labor and profit to his work. And this is true of every avocation and profession in life: whether it be that of the tiller of the soil, the worker in metals, or the more elevated occupation of a lawyer, physician, or scientist; first successes are a harbinger of future ones. They give confidence, confidence in one's self produces courage, courage begets



ets or at least is the companion of hope; hope incites to perseverance, and perseverance rests only when it grasps success and victory. It is only the strong-willed few who can work on notwithstanding repeated defeats: especially if they are encountered at the outset of their career. Ordinary mortals need the encouragement of success at that time to urge them onward. The man of commerce, who meets continually with obstacles to success, whose books are almost entirely a record of losses and reverses, will not and cannot long bear the weight of such burden. As he sees his material resources escaping from his hands, his physical and mental powers flag and courage gives way to despair. He needs the helping hand of success to support him in his undertakings. But let him be able to overcome the obstacles that lie at the opening of his path, let him be able to read success on looking back over his work and then he will advance to his desired goal with rapid strides. He does not fear opposition, it gives a zest to his labors. Confidence is stamped upon his brow, there is firmness in his step, he walks forward even with a certain audacity and this very audacity frightens his opponents and oftentimes snatches victory where only was to be expected defeat. His movements are quicker, his judgment, free from fear, more cool, decided and correct his perception and view of affairs is clearer and more penetrating. Friends too who were wanting to him whose course is ever downwards (for he, upon whom the hand of adversity presses, falls rather upon enemies ever ready to push him forward to lower depths, than friends, to lift him up and help him onward in his journey) are unexpectedly met on every hand. They make his business their business, are happy in his success, publish his abilities on every corner, are loud in praise of his good deeds, his character and fair dealing. And thus the number of his friends increase, success begets other successes, wealth rolls into his coffers, his name spreads and scarcely without any effort he advances smilingly upward, and to his surprise, finds himself, who had begun his career at the lowest rung of the ladder, in a short time at the top.

And as it is with individuals, so also with nations. First successes made them strong and respected, won them fame. Much as their orators aroused them to the necessity of taking up arms against the Persians, it was the heroic defense of Thermopylae which, showing the Greeks their power, gave them courage to throw down the gauge of battle for the defence of their liberties.

It was the first victory won by the Romans against the Carthaginians, and by the Greeks against the Persians, that made these nations mistresses of the seas as before they were unconquerable on land. The American colonists' war of independence might never have

come to so glorious a termination, if their hopes of ultimate success had not been upheld and in the beginning of the struggle strengthened by the victories of the undisciplined provincials over the well trained and fortified soldiery of her powerful antagonist. Everywhere then, in every field of action, success attends on success: the first is only the fore-runner of a second, the second leads to a third, until at last the great and final object of the heart's desire is accomplished, and the success so long delayed, so long striven for, and at one time apparently almost beyond the hope of obtaining, crowns the efforts of ambition.

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### THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

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On Friday, the 21st ult., was celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the order of St. Viateur. High Mass was sung by Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V. Pres't. Rev. Father Leberge acting as deacon; and Rev. Chas. O'Brien as sub-deacon.

The sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Rev. Father Rivard C. S. V. The Rev. Clergyman spoke of the lasting debt of gratitude which the world owes to the Church, her clergy, and religious, for the unlimited zeal they have always manifested in promoting christian education. Interesting accounts of religious orders, and especially the monks of middle Ages were then given.

The speaker proceeded to show the help, and stimulus which literature received from the monks—those oft misrepresented people. Their sincerity, and ability, in the field of letters, as well as their devotedness in teaching, honesty of purpose, and nobility of principle to those entrusted to their care, were most admirably depicted.

The speaker continued to show the state of Society in France, immediately after the French Revolution, and how an humble, devout, and earnest priest, rallied around him a few ardent assistants, and founded the order of St Viateur. The rapid growth and progress of the congregation in France, Canada, and the States were beautifully presented.

The Rev. Speaker then paid a fitting tribute, to our pioneer priests of Canada, and the States, and closed by reminding us that it is our duty to foster and perpetuate that worthy spirit—that we should try to emulate their illustrious example—so that when our life is ended and our soul wings its flight to the Eternal shore—that those surviving us may say, "well done good and faithful servant"—thou hast performed thy part—thou hast left footprints on the sands of time not such, as will be forgotten, or obliterated!—but such that shall



serve as guides, as landmarks, for many yet to come.

After High mass, various field sports were indulged in, until the bell tolled the hour of 12 m., whence all repaired to the refectory, where a sumptuous table, heavily laden with all the delicacies of the season—awaited them. At 2 p. m. field sports again took place and were intensely enjoyed until evening; when the exercises assumed more of a mental than physical aspect. Much credit is due to those having in hand the decoration of the College. During the day they could be seen steadily, and earnestly, engaged in beautifying and preparing for the evening illumination. Prof. J. P. Dore deserves great honor, for the manner in which he labored to have his Battalion ready for the evening drill. At 7. 30 p. m. all assembled in front of the College. The College was so brilliantly illuminated, that it called to mind, the memorable "Pharos." The slight descent, from the front of the college, and the multitude assembled, presented a scene so grand—so picturesque—that one would fain have been a poet.

Our College band, under the direction of Mr. P. A. Sullivan discoursed fine music and it promises to surpass its former efforts.

After music by the Band, Prof. Solon came forward and spoke on the advantages of Christian Education. His speech was short but interesting; and well rendered Prof. J. P. Dore, with his Battalion, of which we have previously spoken, then favored us, with a series of military maneuvers which commanded great attention; and elicited frequent, and justly merited encomiums, from those versed in military tactics.

Before the close a salute of 50 guns was fired. The balloon ascension, conducted by Bro. Senecal C. S. V. was a complete success.

Our genial prefect of discipline, Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V. was then escorted to the stage. Father Dooling expressed his satisfaction, at how well the students had enjoyed themselves; and thanked all, for the interest they had taken, in making the day agreeable for every one. Rev. Father Beaudoin, now appeared and delighted his hearers, by his natural wit, and humor.

Mr. Ambrosé Granger, who has been connected with the College for the past 6 years, then gave a short history of the institution, and her students during said time; and related many pleasing reminiscences of days gone by.

Before concluding we cannot fail to mention one of our members, that has devoted the greatest part of his life to our order—one that has grown gray in her service—Rev. Bro. Bernard C. S. V. For years his health has been feeble—but on the day of the Golden Jubilee—when called on to speak, to the delight of all, he appeared to regain the fire and vigor of his youth—he came

forth and delivered a very interesting and instructive address.

The closing remarks were made by Rev. M. J. Marsile C. S. V. Pres't. Father Marsile spoke at length, of the life and times of St. Viateur. How from his youth, he led a pure and holy life; and how he dedicated himself to the service of Almighty God. We were reminded that, if in spirit, we would contemplate our order in her infancy, follow her through her trials and disappointments, here and elsewhere, that we could not, but exult, and desire to give thanks to Almighty God, for the innumerable blessings of which our Order has been the recipient. The Speaker concluded by exhorting us to continue to imitate the example of our predecessors and that when another 50 years shall have passed St. Viateur's College will stand first among the educational institutions of this great and promising Republic.

### S. V. C. BATTALION.

The College Battalion was organized last week under the most favorable circumstances. The increase in attendance and the success of the organization last year served to put vim into everybody and all entered into military tactics with a will. Instead of three companies of last year, there are at present five. It will be the endeavor of all interested to eclipse last year's work, which if successful will place this Battalion equal to any private organization in the country. The following is the roster for the ensuing year;

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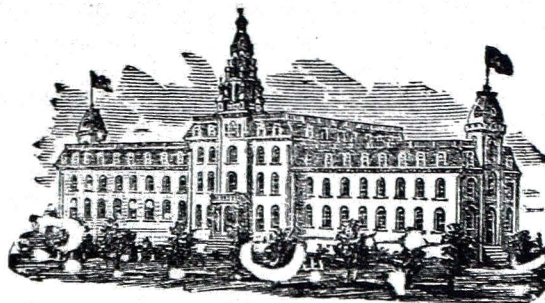
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