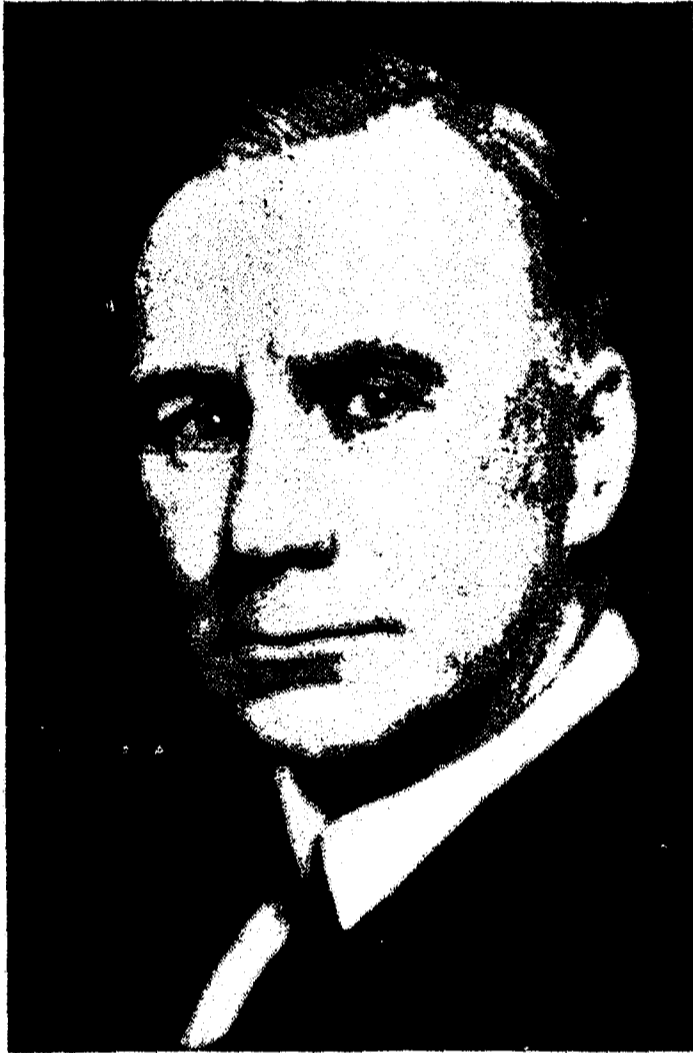


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Francis Patrick Garvan

Notre Dame has lost another devoted friend and generous benefactor. After an illness of three days, Francis Patrick Garvan, LL.D., 1936, succumbed to pneumonia yesterday at his home in New York.

Mr. Garvan became interested in Notre Dame when it was announced that the late Father Nieuwland had discovered in our chemical laboratories the basic elements of a synthetic rubber. Long an ardent champion of synthetic products as a basis of national economic independence, Mr. Garvan saw in Father Nieuwland's work the liberation of our country from a monopoly that left us at the mercy of a British-Dutch combine. He and Father Nieuwland became fast friends, and in order to perpetuate the work of the priest whom he so admired, Mr. Garvan established at Notre Dame the Julius A. Nieuwland Memorial Foundation for Chemistry and Allied Sciences.

At the 1936 Commencement, Mr. Garvan delivered the address for the laying of the corner stone of the new Biology Building. During his three days on the campus, he and Father Nieuwland spent much time together, planning future developments in their field of common interest. A week later, Father Nieuwland was in his grave.

Francis Garvan was a man of intense loyalty, and this virtue was exercised in a great degree towards his family, his country, and his Church. His devotion to his wife and his children was touching. His patriotism caused him to war unceasingly on subversive elements within, and conspirators beyond our borders.

It was his experience as Assistant Attorney General and Alien Property Custodian that made him very sensitive towards the economic blocs that offered possibilities of international entanglements, and from this experience he emerged as a leader of nationalism in our economic policy. As head of the philanthropic Chemical Foundation, which he organized at the request of President Wilson, he did more than any other man of his generation to foster chemical research. He wanted it to contribute what it could and as quickly as possible towards the economic independence of the United States. The southern section of our country owes him a particular debt for the development, through the Chemical Foundation and the Chemurgic Council, of new possibilities in the development of the South's farm products.

Mr. Garvan turned to God in all his troubles, and he had intense faith in the power of prayer and of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He wisely preferred Divine Providence to human wisdom.

Tuesday morning, at 6:25, a Solemn Mass of requiem will be offered in Sacred Heart Church for the repose of his soul. Please unite your intention with that of the celebrant of this Mass, and be generous in your offerings of prayers and Holy Communions for the repose of the soul of this good Notre Dame man.