

## Our Illustrations.

### ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE.

#### JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

THE celebration of the jubilee of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, was commenced on December 11th, and continued over the two following days. Twenty-five years ago on June 1st, 1885, to be exact—the college was opened and began its work. It was the outcome of a proposal by Dr. Redwood, the present Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, who was deeply impressed by the need of an institution where the youth of his Church could obtain a higher education, in which science and faith should both be inculcated. The fine site on the slopes of Mt. Cook was purchased for £2,000, and the foundation stone was laid by Dr. Redwood on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, 1884. The three Roman Catholic Bishops of New Zealand (Drs. Redwood, Moran, and Luck) assisted at the ceremony, and the six or seven thousand people who were present placed £12,000 on the foundation stone.

In little more than a year from that date the handsome building, which is so familiar a landmark in Wellington to-day, was ready for the reception of its first students. The total cost of building the college was over £20,000, and in order to raise the necessary funds the late Venerable Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, S.M., and the Venerable Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., travelled the Dominion to solicit support. In a short time £10,000 was collected, and to this the Marist Fathers added £15,000. Interest on the remaining capital debt of £5,500 and expenses of improvements necessary from time to time during the last 25 years have cost the Marist Fathers £18,000. Thus they

have contributed £23,000 to the maintenance of Catholic education in New Zealand. In addition to all this, they have given the services of seven or eight of their number, who form the teaching staff of the college, and receive no salary. A committee was formed a few months ago to work the silver jubilee by raising a fund to build and equip science laboratories and to reduce the debt on the college. It has met with a considerable measure of success, and this is due in no small degree to the energetic efforts of the Rev. Father J. Tymons and others of the college staff.

From its inception, St. Patrick's College has been carried on and staffed by the Marist Order. The first rector was the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, and with him were the Rev. Father Devoy, the Rev. W. D. Goggen, and the late Rev. R. Carolan. They were joined soon after the opening by the Rev. Father Braxmeier. There were nine pupils at the beginning. Up to the present time nearly 1,200 boys have been educated at St. Patrick's. The "Old Boys" include many priests, many successful lawyers and doctors, business men, and citizens, who have reflected credit in many ways upon their place of training.

It was a particularly happy circumstance that the founder and patron of the college, his Grace, Archbishop Redwood, was able to take the leading part in the opening jubilee celebrations, and to preach an eloquent sermon, which set the keynote to all that followed. On the second day of the celebrations the visiting clergy were the guests of Mr. Martin Kennedy at luncheon at Day's Bay. A conversation in the Town Hall concluded the second day. The large attendance included his Grace Archbishop Redwood, his Lordship Bishop Grimes (Christchurch), Mon-

signor Fowler (Sioux City), the Very Rev. Father O'Shea (Vicar-General), Very Rev. Dean Regnault, Venerable Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Dean Carew, Very Rev. Dean McKenna, Very Rev. Dean Binfield (Meeanee), Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy (Rector of the College), Very Rev. Father Keogh (ex-Rector), and other clergy; the Hon. D. Buddo (Acting-Minister for Education), Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P. (Mayor of Wellington), and many prominent laymen.

A solemn requiem mass for deceased students, ex-students, members of the staff, and benefactors of the college was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, on December 13th. The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes by his Excellency the Governor took place at the college in the evening, and concluded the celebrations.

In acknowledging an address of welcome presented by the Rector his Excellency said:—"I have much pleasure in acknowledging the cordial welcome that you have extended to me as the representative of his Majesty King George V., and noted with satisfaction your expressions of loyalty to the Throne and person of his Majesty the King. My visit to-day is of more than passing interest, as it affords me an opportunity of coming amongst you whilst celebrating the silver jubilee of your college. The energy, zeal, and personal sacrifice that have marked the efforts of the supporters of this institution during the last twenty-five years are characteristic of its founders, and the remarkable progress of the college since its inception speaks well for its future career. (Ap-

plause.) I understand that your college differs from others in the Dominion in that it is the only one of its kind connected with the system of secondary education, and the scholars being assembled from all parts of the country, its influence is disseminated throughout New Zealand. The scholars whom I see before me this evening will, in a few years' time, be taking their place as useful citizens in various portions of this Dominion, and will, I am sure, throughout their life recollect with pride and satisfaction the opportunities afforded them at their college to develop their character and education. (Applause.) The record of your college shows how successful its administrators have been in the past, and I trust that the future may hold an even greater prospect of useful learning to Catholics in this Dominion. (Applause.) I appreciate highly the kindly sentiments that you have expressed towards me, and so long as I have the honour of being Governor of New Zealand I shall watch with interest the development of St. Patrick's College. May I add that I hope to have the pleasure of coming in contact with you from time to time. (Loud applause.)

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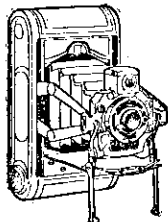
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