

the fostering care of Bishop Verdon, and with the loyal support and sympathy of the Hierarchy, the number quickly increased. For some years past the college roll numbers between sixty and seventy students, drawn in almost equal proportion from the four dioceses of New Zealand.

Extension of Buildings.

In 1905, owing to the increasing demands for accommodation, the present brick buildings were erected, consisting of a large hall, a dormitory for some twenty students, and several smaller rooms. In 1909, when there were thirty students, the first Levites of the college were raised to the dignity of the priesthood. It is worthy of note that of the band of thirty in 1909, no fewer than twenty-two were ordained priests. Among these was the late Father McMenamín, who may justly be styled the Proto-Martyr of the college. Each succeeding year sees more young priests going forth from the college, and the number already ordained is now close upon fifty. In 1910 Bishop Liston assumed charge of the college and discharged the onerous duties of Rector for ten years, till his appointment as Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland. Under his wise and gentle guidance the college made rapid progress. On the death of Bishop Verdon Holy Cross College lost its

father and loving guide; but his work had been well and truly done, and the college will ever be instinct with his memory and its whole atmosphere sweet with the fragrance of the piety and faith of its gentle-hearted founder. His Lordship Bishop Whyte, as was to be expected from his deep love of learning and his paternal solicitude for Christian education, at once took the college to his heart, and has always manifested the keenest interest in its welfare. To Bishop Whyte's practical sympathy and wise judgment Holy Cross is already deeply indebted, and under his prudent direction the college looks confidently to the future.

The College To-Day.

The college to-day embraces some twenty-two acres laid out in beautiful gardens and lawns. Included in the estate is now a well-cultivated orchard and a vegetable garden that amply suffices for the needs of the college. Surrounded by beds of the choicest flowers there is a magnificent marble statue of Christ bearing His Cross, a fitting memorial to the late founder of the college. Quite recently an excellent grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was designed and built by an enthusiastic band of the students, and their work adds much to the beauty of the college gardens.

The students of the college have always been characterised by an excellent spirit of piety, discipline, and manliness. The spirit of study, ever strong among the students, is well exemplified in the brilliant results gained almost every year in the University examinations, a good number of students having gained the B.A. and M.A. degrees of the N.Z. University.

The students have always manifested a deep filial love for their *alma mater*, and their loyalty to the college is as remarkable as it is gratifying. In no college, we believe, could there be found a more genuine spirit of brotherly affection and mutual helpfulness, and this striking characteristic of the students does much to promote the happiness that always reigns within the college walls. Though the college is but a quarter of a century old, already a distinct atmosphere has been created and a tradition established worthy of the most venerable colleges of the old world. We rejoice, then, with Holy Cross College in this happy celebration of its Silver Jubilee, and we feel assured that, with God's blessing, it will ever prosper and give more and yet more zealous and devoted priests to the Church in New Zealand.

GROUP SHOWING THE PRESIDENT (RIGHT REV. DR. VERDON), THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE IN 1909

No fewer than twenty-two of the students in this photo are now priests.



Top Row (from left to right)—Alfred Neill, Donald Fraser, Rev. Fr. McLaughlin, Rev. Fr. Spillane, Henry O'Connell, John Farrell, Gerald Gregg, Rev. Father Ardagh.  
 Second Row—Richard Hansen, Rev. Fr. Rooney, Francis Delargy, Rev. Fr. Minogue, Claude Oakley, Rev. Fr. Riordan, Rev. Fr. Kaveney, Rev. Fr. E. Lynch.  
 Third Row—Rev. Fr. James Hanrahan, Rev. Fr. Tobin, Rev. Fr. Falconer (R.I.P.), Rev. Fr. F. Cullen, Rev. Fr. W. Skinner, Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, Rev. Fr. Thos. Hanrahan, Rev. Fr. O'Connell.  
 Fourth Row—Rev. Fr. McMenamín (R.I.P.), Rev. Fr. Connolly, Rev. Fr. Woods, Rev. Fr. Scanlan, Rev. Fr. Daly, Rev. Fr. Collins.  
 Front Row (Professors)—Rev. Fr. Buckley, Rev. Fr. Michael Ryan (R.I.P.), Right Rev. Dr. Verdon (R.I.P.), Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Rev. Dr. Kavanagh.