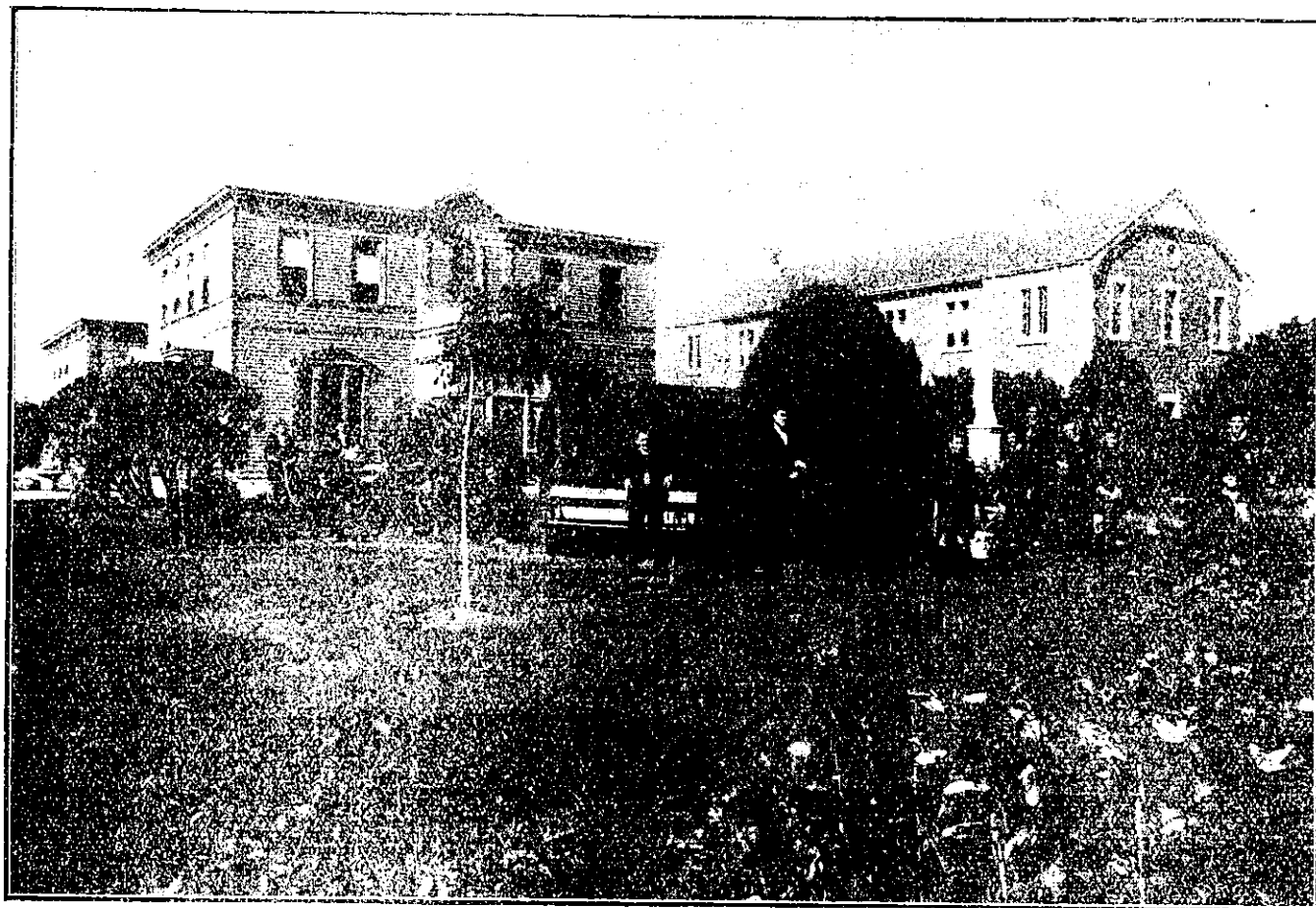


HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL

SECOND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC LAYMEN



A VIEW OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, MOSGIEL.

This year's Retreat for laymen which commenced on Friday evening, January 30, was virtually concluded—so far as the spiritual exercises were concerned—on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., when, at 7.30 o'clock, his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, who prior to and during the Retreat evinced the greatest interest in its success, officiated at Pontifical Benediction in the College Chapel. Forty-two men actually made the Retreat, although on the Sunday night the number was increased to over forty-five by some belonging to the local parish attending to profit by whatever was possible from the rich store of blessings they were, by force of circumstances, precluded from enjoying during the full course. A few business men, too, whose duties detained them until over midday on the Saturday, were obliged to return to the city on Monday. All again returned to the college by the earliest train convenient to join the great majority of retreatants who were more favorably situated. Shortly after eight o'clock on Monday evening all assembled in the dining hall of the college to enjoy a delightful social arranged by a committee with the approval of the genial Rector (Very Rev. C. Morkane), whose remark-

able kindness and thoughtfulness towards his numerous guests won the heart and enduring gratitude of all.

His Lordship the Bishop presided, and with him were Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M.; Very Rev. Father Morkane (who acted as chairman); Rev. Fathers Delany, Kaveney, Adm.; Rooney, and Hally.

A toast list, the subjects of which were most enthusiastically received, was duly honored. "His Holiness the Pope" was proposed by the rev. chairman in particularly well-chosen terms. In proposing the toast of "His Lordship the Bishop" Mr. T. J. Hussey said he felt highly honored in being selected for that particular duty. All present (he said) felt deeply grateful to his Lordship for coming out that evening to honor them with his ever-welcome presence. Their gratitude, too, was due to the clergy, all of whom had shown the deepest interest in and helpfulness towards the success of the Retreat. He trusted his Lordship would be with them again next year, and also on many future similar occasions.

His Lordship the Bishop, in responding, said how grateful he was for the kind remarks of the previous speaker. He expressed his satisfaction and that of the clergy

at the success of the Retreat, and his thanks to Dr. O'Reilly for all he had done in the spiritual interests of the retreatants. There had been a large increase in the number attending the present Retreat as compared with that of the first one, held last year. He (the Bishop) trusted the happy experience of those present would encourage them to return to their homes filled with enthusiasm in the good cause, and when coming to the Retreat again next year bring one or more friends with them. Thus, as time went on, more and more would attend and participate in the numerous blessings a Retreat offered. Father Morkane had left nothing undone in regard to ensuring their comfort, and all were much indebted to him for the kindness and interest he had shown.

In proposing the toast, "Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly" (preacher of the Retreat), Mr. A. G. Neill said they were singularly fortunate in having such a distinguished and earnest director, and one who took such pains to make the conferences attractive. "We thank you for what you have done," he said in conclusion, "and wish you a very pleasant journey home across the Tasman Sea."

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