

ST. PATRICK'S OLD COLLEGIANS' DINNER

At Menzies' on Wednesday, December 12, the Old Boys of St. Patrick's College, East Melbourne, gave a dinner in honour of the Cardinal Legate. Mr. W. J. Broderick, president of the Old Boys' Association, presided over a large and distinguished gathering. Many Old Boys attended, and had as their guests, other than the Papal Legate, his Eminence's suite; his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Rev. Dr. Mannix; his Grace the Archbishop of Liverpool, Most Rev. Dr. Downey; his Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, Most Rev. Dr. Hayden; his Lordship the Bishop of Galway, Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty; Very Rev. Canon Myler; Rev. Father Kiely, Chicago, representing Cardinal Mundelein; the Rector of the College, Father T. O'Dwyer, S.J.; the Rectors of the various Jesuit Houses, many members of the clergy, and Brothers and old pupils.

THE LEGATE TOASTED.

After the formal toast of "The Pope and the King," Mr. A. L. Kenny, K.G.C.S.G., in submitting that of "The Papal Legate," said he had the privilege of being closely associated with Cardinal MacRory since he came to Melbourne, and he was struck by his absolute simplicity. The Legate had a great reputation for wide scholarship, and was Primate of All Ireland. He himself and all who came into close touch with his Eminence were much impressed with his kindness of disposition and the fatherly interest he took in children. From the moment that his Eminence set foot in Australia the people took him to their hearts, and his visit to Melbourne would be long remembered. Mr. Kenny also spoke in appreciative terms of the members of the Cardinal's suite.

The chairman then presented to the Cardinal—as a gift from the Old Boys—a desk paper weight mounted on Queensland Sycamore, suitably inscribed, and with the badge of the Association carved on it. He said that this gift carried with it the love and gratitude of their Association. They had profound respect for the high office of Cardinal MacRory, whose personal charm had endeared him to all of them, and they were deeply grateful to him for honouring the Association with his presence. The memento would recall to the Legate Melbourne and the great Eucharistic Congress at which he represented his Holiness the Pope.

The formal presentation was made by Mr. Charles B. Counsel, who was at St. Patrick's College when it was taken over in 1865 by the Jesuit Fathers.

CARDINAL MACRORY'S REPLY.

The Legate said he had to thank Dr. Kenny for all he had said about him. He thanked him, too, for his kindly references to the Holy Father. He was also deeply grateful for all the kind remarks made about the Irish priesthood and Ireland. The men from Ulster were not the dark, dour people they were generally supposed to be, and those who accompanied him to Australia were good specimens of the Irish soggarth aroon. He had some difficulty in speaking about the Italian portion of his suite, but he could say he was equal to every occasion. If he remained here for some months he would probably be more Irish than the Irish themselves.

The welcome given to him that night was similar to many he received since he touched the shores of Australia at Fremantle. All the days of his life he would remember with gratitude and pride the reception given to him in Australia. He had no doubt that a great measure of welcome was given to the representative of the Holy Father, but he believed also that some of it at least was given to him because he came from Ireland.

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He thanked them on the Holy Father's behalf, and he thanked them also on behalf of Ireland. There was no doubt that close links existed between Australia and Ireland. Some of the first priests in Australia were Irishmen, who had been sent here against their wills. Undoubtedly, Australia owed a great deal to the Irish priests, and Ireland watched every development of the Church in these lands, and took great pride in the progress of Catholicity in the Commonwealth. He was perfectly sure that the prayers of the Irish people had been with the people of Melbourne, and of Australia, day and night during the Congress.

TRIBUTE TO THE COLLEGE.

The Cardinal said he knew St. Patrick's to be the oldest Catholic secondary school in Melbourne, and assured his listeners that the knowledge heightened his pleasure at being entertained by the Old Boys, and served to remind him as well of the days when there was no secondary education in Melbourne for Catholic children, who had little chance then of climbing the ladder of success. It was a glorious thing to say about St. Patrick's that it was the first Catholic college established in Victoria. Certainly, the College had special claims upon its Old Boys. Dr. Kenny himself was one of the ripe fruits of St. Patrick's. All around Melbourne were to be found past pupils of the College who were ornaments to their old school and ornaments to the Catholic Church.

EXPECTATIONS AMPLY FULFILLED.

His Eminence said that he would treasure the gift presented to him all the days of his life. It was a beautiful souvenir of his visit, and of the happy and busy days he had spent in Melbourne. He would forget the crowded work of the past week or two, but he would never forget the happiness and glory that surrounded the different ceremonies and functions of the Congress. He was very proud to have had a part in the Congress celebrations, and he hoped that the Congress would be a matter of great pride to all present for the remainder of their lives. The Congress meant much to the Church, which had been raised in the estimation of its neighbours. The strength, the power, and the unity of the Catholic Church had been shown during the Congress celebrations.

"Now the great Eucharistic Congress," said Cardinal MacRory, "has closed here, and I will soon be returning to Ireland. It was a joy to me to represent the Holy Father as Papal Legate. I came to Melbourne with great expectations, which have been amply fulfilled. My visit here will long live in my memory. Once again accept my thanks and my best wishes for the success of the College and yourselves."

THE TOAST OF THE ARCHBISHOP.

Mr. M. C. Larkin, who proposed the toast of "The Archbishop of Melbourne," said that St. Patrick's College was known before 1865, as the Bishop's Seminary. Since then the College has been in the hands of the Jesuits. It had a splendid record of achievement, and had become a notable scholastic establishment.

ADDRESS BY ARCHBISHOP MANNIX.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne said that Dr. Kenny had spoken about the Papal Legate, whom he had known for a very long time. In some ways he did not quite agree with Dr. Kenny, who singled out the Legate's charm and simplicity for special commendation. Long ago he discovered Cardinal MacRory's charm, but he was still looking for his simplicity. (Laughter.) He was certain he was not likely to find it—and it was the last thing he would attribute to him. However, they were all glad to have the Papal Legate amongst them. It was no secret that his one desire was to have