



His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Ahern , Bishop of Cloyne.

EDITORIAL

Last year's "An Colmanach", the first illustrated magazine to be printed and published within the College by the students, was very successful and we who have produced this edition are conscious of the very high standard of technical proficiency achieved by those connected with the first edition. We have used broadly similar printing and photographic techniques and, in response to many queries, details of these processes will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We received a wide-ranging response from our readers last year and, encouraged by their interest, we have endeavoured to reflect in some measure the interests of all Colmanites, past and present. Our first objective is to provide a permanent record of the year's activities within the College and so give students of to-day a concrete memento of their days in St. Colman's. We also wish to provide a forum where we can publish the articles, poems and short stories of our fellow students. The third important element in the magazine is the maintenance and solidifying of a proud tradition which dates back to 1856, by including features and photographs dealing with the College in the recent and distant past. (If only there had been such a publication each year since our foundation, what a wealth of interesting historical material would now be readily available!) We therefore see our function as a Janus-like one, looking inwards at the contemporary happenings in the College while, at the same time, looking outwards to the Colmanite tradition in an attempt to show that the bond which joins past and present together is not a tenuous one.

We welcome any comments which you may wish to make, whether they be congratulatory or condemnatory, and we also take this opportunity to appeal for any items of historical interest to Colmanites which could be included in future editions.

In producing this magazine we are indebted to our President, Very Rev. W. C. Twohig, for his permission and constant encouragement. The technical expertise of Rev. Fr. B. Troy was of paramount importance to us and it is no exaggeration to say that without him we could not have managed at all. We are also very grateful to Mrs. M. Hickson who did the bulk of the typing and to Dr. S. Cotter who helped us in so many ways.