

## RE-UNION DAY 1888

The annual re-union of the past and present students of St. Colman's College for the year 1888 took place in the College on June 7th and the records tell us that for the first time since its inception, re-union day was dogged by bad weather. Because of the inclement weather conditions the tradition of holding a banquet on the terrace was broken, and the guests were forced to dine indoors. The President of the College, Rev. Dr. Hutch, presided at the dinner and the guest of honour was the Bishop of Cloyne, His Lordship Dr. McCarthy. The recent improvements in the College facilities were discussed during the dinner and the two main topics of conversation were the New Library which had been recently stocked with books, and the new Gymnasium which was to be built that summer at a cost of £500 (Yes .). This gymnasium gave eighty years service to generations of students before it had to be demolished in 1968 to make way for the new wing of the College. In all probability, the men discussing the proposed gymnasium in 1888 felt that £500 was a large expenditure.

After dinner, the weather having cleared up, the annual Cricket match between the Past Pupils and the Present Pupils took place in the Camp Field and for the second year in succession the Present Pupils triumphed. When the sports events had been completed, all the guests returned to the College where they were entertained by the Band of the Warwickshire Regiment. This participation of an army band in the proceedings seems to have been a tradition, because the previous year the music was supplied by the Band of the 23rd Welsh Fusiliers.

Among the distinguished guests who attended was Mr. Thomas Crosbie of "The Cork Examiner" who was described as "a good friend of the College". In his address to the students, Mr. Crosbie suggested that they ought to make the following lines a principle of their lives.

"Let us be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."

PAT CURTIN.



Photograph of members of the College Staff about 1907. It was discovered  
in the College Library by David Dunne.  
l. to r. Rev. T. Wilson, Thomas McDonagh, -----, Rev. D. O'Keefe,  
W.J. Kelly, -----, -----.