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PREFACE.



THE celebration of the First Centenary of Maynooth College during the 25th, 26th, and 27th of June, 1895, was admitted by all who were present to have been a complete and splendid success. It was felt, however, that something would be left undone if the proceedings at that great celebration, and the means adopted to secure its success, were to be left unrecorded. Accordingly the Trustees at their Meeting in October, 1895, requested the author of the *Centenary History* of the College to compile a complete and authentic RECORD of all the proceedings connected with the Centenary celebrations. It was thought in the first place that most of those who took part in the festivals of the Centenary week would wish to have some permanent Memorial of that great event, and of their own share in promoting the success of a work, so glorious for the College as well as for the whole Church of Ireland. Many also of those unable to be present would naturally wish to have a full and faithful account of the entire proceedings. Besides, the RECORD would not only serve as a guide for those who are to come after us at the close of the twentieth century, but would also serve to show the high place which the College of Maynooth occupied as an educational establishment, and the great influence which it exercised, not only in the estimation of English-speaking peoples, but of the whole Catholic world. From this point of view not alone the presence of so many distinguished visitors is of high significance; perhaps even still more significant is the language of the letters of apology from all parts of the world, which were sent to the

College by those who were unable to be present. We have felt it our duty to give a place in the RECORD to a great many of these letters from eminent dignitaries of the Church, as well as from the heads of Universities and Colleges of ancient and world-wide fame; and we believe that they will be read with great interest by the men of the future as well as by the men of to-day.

A word of special thanks is due to nearly all the newspapers in Dublin, for the full accounts which they gave of the Centenary celebrations, but more especially to the *Freeman's Journal*, the *Irish Times*, and *Irish Daily Independent*. The reports in the *Freeman's Journal* especially were very full and very accurate; and without them it would have been quite impossible for us to compile this RECORD in its present form.

The accurate printing of so large a number of letters, many of which were in foreign languages, and not always very legible, was a work of considerable labour. The Rev. J. F. Hogan, Professor of Modern Languages at Maynooth, very kindly undertook to correct the proofs of the foreign letters, for which both the editor and the reader have every reason to be grateful.

To the Vice-President of the College, Dr. O'Dea, and Dr. O'Loan, Professor of History, we are indebted for the Reports of the various Sub-Committees, and Memoranda explanatory of their proceedings, which rendered the editor's task a comparatively easy one.

✠ JOHN HEALY, D.D.,

Bishop of Macra & Coadj.-Bishop of Clonfert.

MOUNT SAINT BERNARD,

March 17th, 1896.

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