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ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE, DUBLIN

Records, 1842-1877

Reels M871-874

**All Hallows College
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Dublin 9
IRELAND**

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HISTORICAL NOTE

All Hallows College was the first modern foundation in Ireland set up to train priests for work in foreign missions. John Hand (1807-1846) attended St Patrick's College, Maynooth, and was ordained a priest in 1835. He had a strong interest in the Association for the Propaganda of the Faith, which was founded in 1838, and he conceived the idea of a college in which priests would be trained to serve the Irish peoples in English-speaking countries other than Ireland. In February 1842 the Holy See gave its blessing to the project and All Hallows College was formally opened in November 1842. It was housed in a mansion in Drumcoda in Dublin.

The early presidents of the College were:

Rev. John Hand	1842-1846
Dr David Moriarty	1846-1854
Dr Bartholomew Woodlock	1854-1861
Rev. Thomas Bennett	1861-1866
Dr William Fortune	1866-1892

The College grew rapidly. The number of students rose from one in 1842 to 120 in 1846. By 1860 there were over 200 students. In its first 40 years, the College sent over 1000 missionaries to English-speaking countries. The main destinations were the United States of America (420), Australia and New Zealand (250), Britain (190), Canada (60), the West Indies and Argentine (49), India (30) and South Africa (28).

Since 1892 All Hallows College has been under the direction of the Vincentians.

NOTE ABOUT THE RECORDS FILMED

The records of All Hallows College were originally filmed by the National Library of Ireland. The Australian Joint Copying Project acquired copies of the four reels that predominantly relate to Australia and New Zealand. Portions of these records are concerned with dioceses and districts in Canada and Britain and, being outside the scope of the AJCP, they have not been described in any detail.

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Patrick F. Murray. *Calendar of the overseas missionary correspondence of All Hallows College, Dublin, 1842-77* (MA thesis, 1956).

The thesis contains a brief history of All Hallows College, followed by a chronological listing of the documents that have survived for the period 1842-77. The calendar is mainly organised by country or geographical region, subdivided by dioceses.

Letters, mainly addressed to the president of All Hallows College, from bishops and priests in Canada, 1845-77.

The following dioceses are represented: Ottawa, Halifax, Harbour Grace (Newfoundland), Kingston, Montreal, Quebec and St John (New Brunswick).

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Letters, mainly addressed to the president of All Hallows College, from bishops, priests and former students in Australia.

They are arranged by diocese in the following order:

Adelaide, 1847-75	16 letters
Bathurst, 1866-73	16 letters
Goulburn, 1856-77	10 letters
Maitland, 1866-73	12 letters
Sydney, 1842-77	116 letters
Brisbane, 1860-75	21 letters

The principal correspondents are Archbishop J.B. Polding (Sydney), Rev. J. McEncroe (Sydney), Archbishop R.B. Vaughan (Sydney), Rev. M. Ryan (Norfolk Island), Bishop L.B. Sheil (Adelaide), Bishop J. Quinn (Brisbane), Rev. A. Quinn (Brisbane), Bishop W. Lanigan (Goulburn), Bishop J. Murray (Maitland) and Bishop M. Quinn (Bathurst).

The letters deal with requests for priests, arrangements for priests and students to sail to Australia, negotiations with the dioceses' English agent Rev. T. Heptonstall, chaplains on emigrant and convict ships, the performance of former students in Australia, the strengths and weaknesses of particular priests, the ordination of priests, funds collected in Australia for All Hallows College, the travels of bishops, descriptions of rural parishes, the dispersal of Catholics over vast areas, sectarian divisions in the colonies and relations with Protestant churches, the erection of churches, presbyteries and schools, and requests for books. There are also references to the visits by Archbishop Polding to

Norfolk Island, criticisms of Polding by the Freeman's Journal in Sydney, his attitude towards the Irish clergy, and the arrival of Christian Brothers and Jesuits in the colonies.

Reel M873

Letters, mainly addressed to the president of All Hallows College, from bishops, priests and former students in Australia and New Zealand.

They are arranged by diocese in the following order:

Ballarat, 1874-77	5 letters
Melbourne, 1850-77	100 letters
Sandhurst, 1875-77	7 letters
Hobart, 1843-76	67 letters
Perth, 1845-76	48 letters
Auckland, 1844-76	46 letters
Dunedin, 1874-76	5 letters
Wellington, 1875-77	4 letters

The principal correspondents are Bishop J.B. Pompallier (Auckland), Bishop W. Willson (Hobart), Rev. T.F. Lucas (Launceston), Rev. C. Woods (Hobart), Bishop D. Murphy (Hobart), Bishop J. Brady (Perth), Bishop R. Salvado (Perth), Bishop J.B. Serra (Perth), Bishop M. Griver (Perth), Archbishop J.A. Goold (Melbourne), Bishop M. O'Connor (Ballarat), Bishop M. Crane (Sandhurst) and Bishop F. Redwood (Wellington).

The Australian letters deal with similar subjects to those on the previous reel. In addition, there are references to the visits of Bishop Willson to the mainland and Norfolk Island, the financial difficulties of dioceses, and relations between the Spanish and Irish clergy in Western Australia.

The New Zealand letters, mostly written by Bishop Pompallier, discuss the qualities required by priests for work in New Zealand, the progress of Catholicism among the Maoris, the endowment of convents, conflict with Protestant missionaries, Pompallier's visit to Ireland (1860), schools, the effects of the New Zealand wars (1867), the printing of prayerbooks and catechisms in Maori, and relations with the New Zealand Government.

Letters, written to the president of All Hallows College, from Rev. Thomas Heptonstall (d. 1869), 1845-57. (12 letters)

Heptonstall, who lived in Acton, London, and later Stanbrook, Worcestershire, was the English agent for the bishops of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Hobart and Auckland. The letters forward requests from bishops seeking priests and discuss arrangements for passages on ships sailing to Australia and New Zealand.

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Letters, written to the president of All Hallows College, from Rev. Thomas Heptonstall, 1858-69. (68 letters)

The letters discuss financial arrangements and the travel arrangements of priests, requests and complaints by the colonial bishops, and relations with the Colonial Land and Emigration Commission.

Letters from the Colonial Land and Emigration Commission, 1858-60. (45 letters)

The letters are mostly signed by Stephen Walcott, the secretary of the Commission from 1840 to 1878. They mostly deal with the appointment of chaplains and religious instructors to emigrant and convict ships sailing to Australia.

Letters from districts of the Catholic Church in England and Scotland, 1842-74.

The following districts are represented: Eastern district of Scotland, Western district of Scotland, Lancashire, Liverpool.