

XAVERIAN COLLEGE, BRIGHTON.

On Thursday, March 25th, this new College at Brighton was blessed and formally opened by the Bishop of Southwark. At 8 a.m. His Lordship said the First Mass and at 10 o'clock blessed the buildings. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock, and those present included: Provost Moore, Mgr. Connolly, Mgr. Johnston, Canons St. John and Scannell, Father Tatum (of St. Joseph's, in which parish the College is situated), Fathers Fletcher, Duggan, Flanagan, Cooksey, Almond (O.S.B.), Dessoulavy, Hughes, Warwick, Kerwin, Moynihan, Cunningham, Wright, Cosmo-Brown, Moodie, and McFadden, Mr. Austin Kirkham and Mr. George Wesley. Towards the end His Lordship the Bishop, in a most kindly speech, welcomed the Brothers to Brighton, and, after referring to the excellent work they were doing at Mayfield and Clapham, predicted a successful career for them at Brighton.

The Brother Provincial, in reply, expressed the warmest thanks of his Brethren and himself to the Bishop for his most kind and generous words, and also paid a cordial tribute of thanks to the Reverend Clergy, who were ever, he said, the most honoured of guests and welcome of friends in any Xaverian house; and concluded by saying that, with the sympathy and support of the Bishop and Clergy, their own hard work, and God's blessing, they (the Brothers) would make the new College a credit to Brighton, to themselves, and to the Diocese of Southwark.

At 4.30 p.m. there was solemn Benediction, which was attended by many of the residents of Brighton. The music was well rendered by the Choir of the Mayfield College. Later the visitors inspected the College, and were entertained to tea by the Brothers.