

INTERCOLONIAL

At the annual meeting of Lewisham Hospital (Sydney) a donation of £1000 was announced as coming from the trustees of an estate through Mr. Makinson, solicitor. It is understood that this is from the estate of Lady Macleay, and that £2000 has been allotted to St. Vincent's Hospital from the same estate.

The Very Rev. Father T. O'Connor, of Port Pirie, celebrated his silver jubilee the other day, and was presented with an address and a silver chalice by the clergy of the diocese of Port Augusta. The presentation was made by the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Maher.

Mr. Needham, the Fremantle (W.A.) Labor member, is only a few years in Australia. He got a job in the railway and became vice-president of the Labor Council at Fremantle. The Glasgow papers record the rejoicing of his friends, especially in Renfrew, where he was well known in Catholic and teetotal circles, and acted as correspondent of the Glasgow 'Observer.'

A representative meeting was held recently in Sydney for the purpose of raising funds to erect a public memorial to the late Very Rev. Father Le Rennelet, the Hon. B. R. Wise, M.L.C., presiding. Speeches, eulogistic of the lovable character of the deceased priest, were made by the chairman, Bishop Doyle, Sir William Manning, Dr. Warren, Major Frechill, and others, and a sum of £160 was subscribed. The chairman said he hoped that at least £1000 would be raised for a permanent memorial.

Seven nuns of the Order of St. Theresa have arrived at New Norcia (W.A.) On arrival the Sisters were received with great honor. The Sisters will have charge of the aboriginal and other children of the mission. The Lord Abbot, from the moment of his arrival, saw the great need of suitable female education. The white settlers, widely spread over Victorian Plains, were, until recently, without schools of any kind, except one that the Benedictine Fathers established some years ago, about three miles from New Norcia, but only a few of the people were able to avail of it and most of the settlers were not in a position to send their children to Perth, or engage private teachers. Their families grew up without a single member being able to read or write.

At St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, on Sunday evening, October 9, his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, of Auckland, was the preacher. In the course of his sermon he paid a tribute to the memory of the late Father Le Rennelet. He wished, he said, to express his tribute of respect to the memory of 'this renowned priest, whose name was not confined to Australia, but who was well known throughout New Zealand. The many kindnesses he did me and my clergy I shall never forget. The respect in which he was held by all classes of the community amply demonstrated the greatness and goodness of the late Father's life-work, and we who are left now know how much we miss him. But I ask you to perpetuate his memory by loyally supporting those who are endeavoring to worthily succeed him.'

The annual meeting of Lewisham Hospital (Sydney) was blessed with all the elements of success. The State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) was on arrival received by the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary and the medical staff. Over £1350 was subscribed, including a bequest of £1000 from the estate of the late Lady Macleay. His Eminence Cardinal Moran, in welcoming the Governor, said that of £10,000 spent on the hospital since its foundation, there was a debt of £4600 remaining, and he hoped before that meeting was dissolved that a considerable part of the debt would be paid away. He thought from the manner in which the public supported the hospital they recognised in the fullest way the noble work of the Sisters and of the medical staff in charge. He might mention that he had read that day in a newspaper from Central India, where the plague was raging, that the patients refused to take their medicine in the belief it was poison, until the Sisters took charge of that public hospital, when the happiest results accrued. Such a day as this was not one for making a speech. On the part of the devoted Sisters, he thanked his Excellency for honoring them with his presence.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- October 30, Sunday.—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor.
 „ 31, Monday.—St. Siricius, Pope and Confessor.
 November 1, Tuesday.—Feast of All Saints.
 „ 2, Wednesday.—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.
 „ 3, Thursday.—St. Malachy, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 4, Friday.—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 5, Saturday.—St. Columba, Abbot.

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor.

This saint was born in France in 1651. Even before his ordination he took a keen interest in the education of children, a work for which he was naturally fitted, and to which he afterwards entirely devoted himself. His zeal, his unalterable patience, and his humility were brought into strong relief by the many trials to which, like all reformers, he was exposed. He died at Rouen in 1719, after having successfully established the well known teaching Order of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

St. Siricius, Pope and Confessor.

St. Siricius, during a pontificate of fourteen years, labored zealously for the propagation of the true Faith among heretics and infidels. He died in 398, being then more than seventy years of age.

Feast of All Saints.

Though we are apt to look upon the saints as the far-off citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, we must not forget that we can still communicate with them and that they are united with us by the most tender ties. They are our fellow-members in Jesus Christ, and although already glorified, continue to form one body with us under the same head. At any time we can converse with them in prayer, for they know and see all things in God. On their part they continue to take the most lively interest in our welfare, for they know that we also are called to be saints and companions with them for all eternity in the heavenly kingdom. They know, too, by their own experience, the dangers that beset us, the craft and cruelty of our deadly enemies, the weakness of our corrupt nature; and they are full of tender compassion and solicitude in our regard.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

On this day the Church solemnly commemorates and prays for all the souls in purgatory that they may be speedily released from their suffering.

St. Malachy, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Malachy was born at Armagh, and was a disciple of St. Malchus, Bishop of Lismore. After he had built the great Abbey of Bangor, which by his care became a flourishing seminary of piety and learning, he was named to the bishopric of Down, and afterwards elevated to the primatial chair of Armagh. While in this high station, Malachy introduced many reforms, and, by his zeal and still more by his holy example, wrought a great change throughout Ireland. In 1137 he resigned his primatial dignity, consecrated Celasius in his place, another Bishop of Connor, and reserved for himself the small See of Down. To procure the Papal sanction for his reforms, and also to obtain the pallium for the metropolitan of Armagh and Cashel, St. Malachy undertook a journey to Rome in 1139. Pope Innocent II. received him with marks of the highest distinction, and appointed him Apostolic Legate for Ireland, but deferred the concession of the pallium to a future date. After his return, St. Malachy discharged his office of Legate with characteristic devotedness, which resulted in much fruit, visiting every part of the island and holding synods. With the aid of the monks who had taken the Cistercian habit at Clairvaux, he founded the Cistercian Abbey of Mellifont, in Louth, which was the first of that Order in Ireland. In 1148 he held the great Synod of Holmpatrick, and undertook a second journey to Rome, but got only as far as Clairvaux, where he died in the arms of his illustrious friend, St. Bernard.

The drawing of the Art Union in aid of the convent, Gisborne, has been postponed until further notice....

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