

## INTERCOLONIAL

At a well-attended meeting of members of St. Mary's congregation, Armidale, the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor presiding, it was unanimously decided that a new Cathedral was absolutely necessary, owing to the increasing demand on the accommodation of the present sacred edifice.

The Silver Jubilee of the ordination of the Right Rev. Dr. Delany, Coadjutor-Bishop of Hobart, took place on November 1. It was the intention of the clergy and laity to honor the event in a fitting manner, and to testify to the place which the Bishop of Laranda holds in the hearts of his people. Dr. Delany, on hearing that a movement was on foot to present him with a testimonial, requested the organisers not to proceed with the matter, as he felt that the Catholics of the archdiocese had already many other pressing calls for religious and educational purposes on their generosity.

Sincere regret was felt in Melbourne on the announcement of the death of the pioneer journalist, Mr. Samuel Vincent Winter, brother of Mr. Joseph Winter, proprietor of the 'Advocate'. He was born in the Goulburn district in 1813. When a lad he was apprenticed to the printing trade, which he learnt thoroughly, and in 1868 he established the 'Advocate,' of which he was manager for several years. With others he purchased the 'Herald,' of which he became manager in 1874, and afterwards assumed the position of editor. He held at the time of his death the post of general manager of the 'Herald' and 'Weekly Times' Newspaper Company, and editor-in-chief of the company's publications. Mr. Winter married early in life, and had been a widower over 20 years at the time of his death. He leaves three sons, all married, and a daughter. His mother, who is 86 years of age, survives him.

Following on the pronouncement of his Holiness regarding the general revival and cultivation of Gregorian Chant (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross'), his Grace the Archbishop has lately been very active and practical. Pending the arrival of the authorised texts of the music, his Grace has made appropriate selections from the books at hand, and is having them taught in most of the Catholic schools of the city. He has visited the schools himself regularly, and conducted some of the classes, and he expresses himself as highly pleased with the results. The tastes and attainments of the Archbishop in connection with music generally and the Gregorian Chant in particular are widely known, and it is only in the fitness of things that his Grace should be first in the field in taking effective action to carry out the mandate of his Holiness.

The Rev. John Ferguson, pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), has proved himself a man possessing a keen sense of humor as well as broad Christian views, so that it is not difficult to imagine his reflections just now on the discomfiture of Dr. Dill-Macky. The latter had talked a motion in the Presbytery, which placed Mr. Ferguson 'before the bar' to answer certain categorical questions concerning his recent visit to the Pope, and on the 12th inst. this motion came up for consideration, when the Presbytery took the very laudable view that the whole thing was 'beyond the order of leave'. All the naive Dr. Dill-Macky wanted, it appeared, was that Mr. Ferguson should state whether it was a fact (1) that he had paid a visit to the Pope while in Rome (2) whether he did so in his official or private capacity, and (3) whether, in being presented, he had kissed the Pope's hand or any part of his vestment. The motion was rightly regarded as a fishing inquiry which asked Mr. Ferguson to incriminate himself, and thus furnish the basis for condemnatory action, and with a few discontents the whole thing was ordered out of court.

The feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (says the 'Monitor,' Tasmania) was kept in the diocese as the 58th anniversary of the consecration of his Grace the Archbishop, the Nestor of the Catholic hierarchy. Congratulatory messages reached the Archbishop from priests and people throughout Tasmania, and references to the event were made in all the churches. On Sunday morning the Hobart Catholic Young Men's Society received Holy Communion from his Grace, and in the afternoon the officers of the Society called at the Palace and offered their good wishes and congratulations, and Mr. R. J. Meagher at the same time felicitated the Archbishop on behalf of the Hibernian Society throughout Tasmania. At the conclusion of the Mass in the Cathedral the choir sang the 'Te Deum.' On Tuesday afternoon his Worship the Mayor (Mr. T. Bennisson) and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. W. C. Hamilton) officially called on his Grace at the Palace and congratulated him on the attainment of the 58th anniversary of his consecration. His Grace, who was particularly gratified with the visit, warmly thanked the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

## Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- November 6, Sunday.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.  
 „ 7, Monday.—The Purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 „ 8, Tuesday.—Octave of All Saints.  
 „ 9, Wednesday.—Dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran.  
 „ 10, Thursday.—St. Andrew of Avellino, Confessor.  
 „ 11, Friday.—St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.  
 „ 12, Saturday.—St. Livinus, Bishop and Martyr.

## St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Martin was born at Sabaria, Hungary, in 316, and died at Candes, France, in 400. Martin became a Christian catechumen against his parents' wish, and at the age of fifteen he was, therefore, seized by his father, a pagan soldier, and enrolled in the army. One winter day, when stationed at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen. Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him half of it. That night he saw our Lord clothed in the half of his cloak, and heard Him say to the angels: 'Martin, yet a catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this garment.' This decided him to be baptised, and shortly after he left the army. He succeeded in converting his mother, but, being driven from his home by the Arians, he took shelter with St. Hilary, and founded near Poitiers the first monastery in France. In 372 he was made Bishop of Tours. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves, and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people, when he is known as the Apostle of Gaul.

## St. Livinus, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Livinus, an Irish Bishop, is called the Apostle of Brabant, Belgium. He suffered martyrdom about the year 656.

## A Notable Catholic Gathering

Caerlaverock Castle, the romantic old pile at the mouth of the Nith, a few miles south of Dumfries, was recently the scene of a very interesting celebration, when Lord Herries, the owner of the Castle, entertained within its walls a large gathering of his tenants, friends, and neighbors at luncheon. The object of the gathering was to welcome to the district his two married daughters, the Duchess of Norfolk and the Hon. Mrs. Eric Drummond, who, with their husbands, were visiting their parents in Galloway for the first time since their marriage. A few hundred guests sat down to luncheon in a large marquee which had been erected in the ruined banqueting-hall of the Castle, the company including Lord and Lady Herries, the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Hon. Eric and Mrs. Drummond, the Bishop of Galloway (the Right Rev. Dr. Turner), the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, M.P.; Mr. Maxwell of Munches, M.P., Colonel Maxwell-Witham, C.M.G., of Kirkconnel; Hon. Walter and Mrs. Maxwell, and many others. There has been a fortress of some kind on the site of Caerlaverock Castle from time immemorial; but the present pile of buildings, which has been in a more or less ruinous condition for fully two hundred and fifty years, was erected somewhere about the end of the fourteenth century. It was the present Baron Herries' maternal ancestor who carried Mary Queen of Scots on his own horse, after the fatal battle of Laneside, to his Castle Caerlaverock, whence she crossed the Solway on her last journey to England. Lord Herries is, through his great-grandmother, heir-general to the historic earldom of Nithdale; but that title is at present dormant (if not extinct), as no evidence is forthcoming that the earldom was created with remainder to any but heirs-male.

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