

INTERCOLONIAL

Mr. Grattan Grey, well known in New Zealand, has relinquished the editorship of the 'W. A. Record,' Perth, and was entertained at a banquet prior to his departure from Western Australia.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Archbishop of Hobart, celebrated the 91st anniversary of his birth on Sunday, 18th inst. His Grace, who is the oldest Bishop in Christendom, is in the enjoyment of the best of health.

Of recent years cattle fairs for the benefit of religion and charity have been very common on the Northern rivers. The proceeds of a cattle sale held at Kempsey, June 3, amounted to £100. The local farmers donated one beast each.

In the presence of a very large and representative gathering, his Lordship Bishop Doyle laid the foundation-stone of St. Mary's Presentation Convent, Lismore, on Sunday, June 11. Over one thousand people were present. A sum of £200 was placed on the stone. The sum of £1360 had been previously collected.

His Lordship Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, opened a new church at Kildary on June 4. There was a large congregation, including a number of non-Catholics. After Mass his Lordship delivered an interesting address. There is only a debt of £25 on the building, and the parishioners have resolved that this shall be cleared forthwith.

All classes and creeds welcomed his Lordship Bishop Higgins to his new See at Ballarat. His reception was most imposing, and the whole city seemed en fete. The day after his arrival he was accorded two civic receptions, at which the Mayors and aldermen of the various divisions of Ballarat expressed their gratification that such a distinguished ecclesiastic should have come to permanently reside among them.

A fine new Loreto convent was opened at Hamilton, Victoria, on June 25, by the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat. This was the first opening of a Catholic institution by his Lordship since his arrival in Ballarat. The pastor of the mission is the well known and popular Rev. M. J. Shanahan. We learn by cable message that there was a grand procession from the church to the new convent, where, after the ceremony of blessing and opening, his Lordship delivered an impressive address, in the course of which he replied to addresses presented to him by the Catholics of the district. The collection on the occasion amounted to the fine sum of £700.

Bishop Murray, of Maitland, whose venerable figure was conspicuous at the recent celebrations in honor of Dr. Higgins, at Ballarat, claims to be an ardent Australian. Speaking at a civic welcome to Bishop Higgins, Bishop Murray announced that he had held his office for 40 years, and reminded his audience that the first native-born Australian to be made a Bishop was Dr. Dwyer, his Coadjutor at Maitland. Dr. Dwyer was a native of Albury, and he (Bishop Murray) had been instrumental in having him sent to Rome and Ireland, and had finally been very glad to have him as his assistant in the administration of the Diocese of Maitland.

It has been stated that Mr. Martin McDermott, who passed away recently at Bristol in his 83rd year, and whose death was mentioned in the last issue in the 'N.Z. Tablet,' was the last survivor but one of the Young Ireland Party. The last survivor of the party (says the 'Catholic Press') is probably the venerable Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty, of Queensland, who left his Australian home to sit for a short time in the House of Commons in the Parliament of 1885-1886, when he voted for Mr. Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill and shortly afterwards returned to Australia. His wife, 'Eva of the Nation,' is also alive, and the old couple are passing the evening of their lives in Brisbane.

The Australian Holy Catholic Guild celebrated the 60th anniversary of its establishment on June 8, and instead of holding the usual Communion of their society in the various parishes this quarter it was decided that all the members of the city and suburban branches should receive Communion in a body at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. The matter was taken up enthusiastically, consequently on the following Sunday morning about 500 Guildmen in regalia were present at Mass. Many of the men walked five or six miles into town—the trams do not run during the early hours on Sunday morning—to be present at the Diamond Jubilee Communion, which is the first stage of the celebrations in honor of this unique event in the history of Catholic benefit societies in Australia.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 2, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 3, Monday.—The Most Precious Blood.
 „ 4, Tuesday.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 5, Wednesday.—St. Antony M. Zaccaria, Confessor.
 „ 6, Thursday.—Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.
 „ 7, Friday.—St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 8, Saturday.—St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This festival was instituted in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin's visit to her cousin, St. Elizabeth. It was established by St. Bonaventure, in 1263, for the Order of St. Francis, and was extended to the Universal Church by Urban VI. in 1379.

Feast of the Most Precious Blood.

This feast commemorates the intense love which led the Son of God to shed His Blood for the salvation of men.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. ...

St. Irenaeus was born between 130-140 at Smyrna, in Asia Minor, and had the happiness, from his earliest youth, of being instructed by St. Polycarp and other apostolic men. His deep attachment to the Christian doctrine did not prevent him from studying the Greek poets and philosophers, especially Homer and Plato. With a view to missionary work, he journeyed to Gaul, where he was ordained priest by Phontinus, Bishop of Lyons, who suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius (178). Irenaeus was nominated to succeed him as bishop by Pope Eleutherius, to whom he had been sent on an ecclesiastical mission. In this office he showed untiring zeal and energy for the good of the Churches in Gaul. Moreover, by means of his writings in defence of the unity and purity of the faith, which was endangered by the Gnostics, he made his influence felt far beyond the limits of Gaul. Finally he effected a happy compromise between the East and the West in the dispute concerning Easter, which had gone so far as to cause an open rupture between the two sections of the Church. In the great persecution under Septimius Severus the shepherd suffered martyrdom with many of his flock (June 28, 202).

St. Antony Zaccaria, Confessor.

St. Antony was born in 1500, at Cremona, in the north of Italy. After having labored for some time in his native city as a secular priest, he founded, in conjunction with two Milanese nobles, a congregation of monks, called Barnabites, from the Church of St. Barnabas, where they came together, like the early Christians, to live a life in common and to devote themselves to the office of instructing the young.

St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

St. Benedict XI. was an Italian by birth, and occupied the Papal throne for about a year. He annulled the Bulls of Boniface VIII. against Philip the Fair of France.

St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Kilian was an Irish Bishop who was martyred at Wurzburg. He was the first to preach the Gospel in the north of Bavaria, the country now known as Franconia. With two companions, Coloman (a priest) and Totnan (a deacon), Kilian left Ireland, his native country, in 686, and, with the sanction of Pope Conon, established a mission at Wurzburg. Duke Gozbert received him kindly and was converted, and his example was followed by a great number of his subjects. But St. Kilian fell a victim to the hatred of Geilana, whose marriage with Gozbert, brother of her former husband, he declared to be contrary to the law of God. He and his companions, in the absence of the Duke, were cruelly murdered, in 689.

Mr. C. O'Brien, one of the pioneers of Queensland, died at his residence, Moggill, lately, at the ripe age of 95 years. Deceased was a native of Armagh, and landed in Brisbane with two brothers in 1864, and had had many varied experiences. He was hale and hearty up to quite lately, and was always very popular. He leaves a family of eleven children and forty grandchildren.