

INTERCOLONIAL

More than a third of the successful Queensland candidates in the Sydney Junior University examinations this year came from the Catholic schools.

The Rev. J. O'Malley, S.J., has been transferred from Sydney to Norwood, South Australia, and the Rev. E. Masterson, S.J., takes Rev. Father O'Malley's place at Riverview College, Sydney.

The Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy, Cooktown, arrived recently in Brisbane from Ireland, en route to Cooktown. She was accompanied by six postulants for reception into the Order.

The friends of the Rev. Father J. J. Norris presented him, in the School of Arts, Bombala, on July 4, with an address and a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of his departure for Cooma. The Mayor presided, and on behalf of the townspeople made the presentation. He bore eloquent testimony to Father Norris's sterling worth, and said he had endeared himself to all creeds and classes during his stay amongst them.

Colonel Murray, the Chief Justice of New Guinea, in a letter to Colonel Freehill, enclosed a five-pound note for the Home Rule Fund. This was really the first subscription to the fund, and it is remarkable that it has come from the island dependency of the Commonwealth. The Chief Justice is a son of the late Sir Terence Aubrey Murray. Chief Justice Murray is a native of Sydney and was educated at Oxford.

Rev. Father James Barry, C.M., lately of St. Stanislaus' College, has been attached to the Ashfield Mission, Rev. Father Lavery, C.M., late of Ashfield, taking his place on the college staff. Three brothers are by this change brought into the priesthood of the archdiocese of Sydney—the other two being Father William Barry, of the Cathedral, and Father Thomas Barry, a professor at St. Patrick's College, Manly.

The death occurred at Singleton Convent of Mercy on July 22 of Sister Mary Joseph O'Connor, one of the pioneers of the Order of Mercy in Australia. The deceased Sister was a native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, and was forty-seven years of age. Thirty years ago, at the invitation of Dr. Murray, Bishop of Maitland, seven professed Sisters and three postulants came from Ireland to Singleton and founded a house. Deceased was one of the three postulants.

The list of Catholic successes in the Junior Public examinations, held in connection with the University of Sydney (says the 'Catholic Press'), will be cheering and encouraging to our people, who make such great sacrifices to secure for their children that education which conscience dictates should be imparted to them. The total number of candidates who passed the Junior examination this time was 879, and 127 qualified for matriculation. Of this number 177 students from Catholic schools and colleges passed, 23 of them matriculating. Altogether 21 medals were awarded, five of which went to Catholic schools.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 19, St. Aidan's Orphanage and Magdalen Asylum, Bendigo, was blessed and opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, in the presence of about 2000 persons. Amongst those present were the Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A. (Bishop of Sandhurst), Right Rev. Dr. Higgins (Bishop of Ballarat), Right Rev. Dr. Corbett (Bishop of Sale), the Mayor of Bendigo, and Sir John Quick, K.C., M.P. At the conclusion of the ceremony Dr. Reville explained that the building would be handed over free of debt to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the necessary funds having been provided by the estate of the late Rev. Dr. Baughaus. The institution occupies a splendid position on a hill near Grassy Flat, to the east of the city, and is one of the best equipped and complete of its kind in Victoria.

The Benicia Disc Ploughs speak for themselves. They are now in such general use that farmers have a clear idea of their practical workings and value as crop makers. They can be used at any season of the year, are good in all kinds of land, from potato to timber land. A great feature of these ploughs is that one disc can be quickly changed into a three, four, or five furrow. Great care and mechanical knowledge have been expended on their design. A private trial given to intending purchasers—MORROW, BASSETT, & CO., Dunedin.

If he who grows two blades of grass
Where only one had place
Deserves the thanks of every class
And benefits the race.
Then worthier still of honored name,
While coughs and colds endure,
Emblazoned on the scroll of fame
Is WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

Hancock's Imperial ALE and STOUT.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 13, Sunday.—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, St. Philomena, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 14, Monday.—St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 15, Tuesday.—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 16, Wednesday.—St. Roch, Confessor.
 „ 17, Thursday.—Octave of the Feast of St. Lawrence.
 „ 18, Friday.—St. Hyacinth, Confessor.
 „ 19, Saturday.—St. Urban II., Pope and Confessor.

St. Philomena, Virgin.

St. Philomena was one of those countless martyrs who sealed their faith with their blood in the persecution of the Roman Emperors. The date and manner of her death are uncertain.

St. Hormisdas, Pope and Confessor.

St. Hormisdas, who was unanimously elected Pope on the death of St. Symachus, in 514, displayed great energy in propagating the Gospel and eradicating heresy and schism. He died in 523.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The word assumption is a term employed to-day in the language of the Church to signify the miraculous removal into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul. Jesus Christ, before dying, having recommended His Mother to St. John, this Apostle took care of her, and it is believed that she followed him to Asia, and finally settled in Ephesus, where she died. The Church honors her death under the name of 'deposition, rest, sleep, passage,' since the beginning of the fifth century, as it appears from a letter of the Ecumenical Council at Ephesus, of the year 431. Since the century following, the faithful commenced to distinguish the Assumption from the other solemnities of the Blessed Virgin. About the end of the seventh century, the belief of her resurrection became current. We find this pointed out under the name of Assumption in the ancient martyrology attributed to St. Jerome, and in the Sacramentaries of Popes St. Gelasius and St. Gregory. The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15th. In regard to this assumption or resurrection of body and soul of the Blessed Virgin into heaven, it is no article of faith, but only a common opinion which it would be rash to contradict.

St. Roch, Confessor.

Montpellier, in France, was the birthplace of St. Roch, as well as the scene of his death. The devoted charity which he displayed in assisting, at the risk of his own life, persons suffering from a virulent and contagious disease, has caused him to be regarded as a special patron in time of pestilence. He lived in the 14th century.

St. Hyacinth, Confessor.

St. Hyacinth, a Polish Dominican, and apostle of Northern Europe, was born in the Castle of Sasse (Sibenay), and died at Cracow. He received at Rome the religious habit from the hand of St. Dominic, who appointed him Superior of the mission established in Poland, founded a monastery of Dominicans at Cracow (1217), and several others in the principal cities of Poland. He made numerous conversions all over Northern Europe, and preached the Gospel to the Tartars.

St. Urban II., Pope and Confessor.

St. Urban was born near Rheims, in France. Having been elected Pope in 1088, he employed all his energies in putting an end to the unwarranted interference of the civil power in purely ecclesiastical affairs, and securing for the Church that liberty of action which was required for the efficient discharge of her divinely appointed duties. To the wisdom and zeal of St. Urban was due the initiation of those expeditions for the recovery of the Holy Sepulchre, which are known as the Crusades. St. Urban died in 1099, in the 12th year of his pontificate.

MYERS & CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George Street. They guarantee the highest class of work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth....

GOLD MEDAL ST. LOUIS EXHIBITION
Bottled in Auckland