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The enormous sum of £11,956,922 has been paid in goldmining dividends since the inception of the industry in Westralia. For the first seven months of this year, no less a sum than £1,384,707 has been distributed in the same way.

One of the most capable of Sydney's working journalists was the late Mr. James P. Dowling, editor of the Sydney 'Mail,' whom death claimed unexpectedly on August 22, after an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Dowling's association with journalism went back to 1872. Mr. Dowling was born in Wexford (Ireland) in 1839.

The following resolution in favor of Home Rule has been passed by the Legislature of Westralia: 'that this House, recognising that local self-government, wherever it has been conceded to English-speaking people within the British Empire, has tended to promote happiness, progress, and contentment, is of opinion that the same principle, if applied to Ireland, would produce the same result.' The motion, although opposed by the Premier and the leader of the Opposition, was carried by 21 votes to 9.

A banquet was tendered on August 21 at the Gulgong Town Hall to the Right Rev. Mgr. Long, Vicar-General, on the eve of his departure for Bathurst to take charge of that diocese during Bishop Dunne's visit to Europe. There was a large and representative gathering of all denominations from all parts of the district. Mr. J. D. Parker was in the chair. The toast of the guest was supported by Archdeacon Geer (Church of England), the Rev. A. Doig (Presbyterian), and many others, and was received with enthusiasm. The Rev. Father J. O'Dowd, of Bathurst, succeeds Monsignor Long.

In common with other members of the Federal Parliament (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross'), the Right Hon. C. C. Kingston received a circular issued by the Orange Lodges in connection with the Home Rule motion now before both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament. Mr. Kingston, who describes himself as an ardent Home Ruler, replied as follows:—'I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., informing me that a resolution was adopted at a public meeting in connection with the Loyal Orange Institution held in Victoria Hall, Adelaide, declaring the opinion of the meeting that it is inexpedient and undesirable that any recommendation should be made by the Parliament of the Commonwealth in relation to the granting of Home Rule to Ireland. I thank you for the information conveyed, but I should be wanting in candor did I omit to mention that I respectfully venture to differ with the opinion expressed. With every respect for those with whom I have the misfortune to disagree.'

As a counterblast to the explosions of the rabid bigots who would make politics in the Federal and State Parliaments subservient to sectarianism (says the 'Catholic Press'), a resolution passed unanimously at the recent Farmers' and Settlers' Conference possesses great significance and value, and should have a weighty influence at future elections. The resolution, which was moved by Mr. W. W. Killen, the Savernake delegate, read as follows:—'That this conference deprecates and deplores the introduction of sectarianism into politics; that the machinations of those who are working to that end should be resisted by all true lovers of the country; and that the men who are best qualified to represent the people in Parliament should be placed there irrespective of their religious belief.' The mover said the time had come for action to be taken in the matter by all who had the interests of the State at heart. During last election sectarianism had played a most important part, and but for it some of the unworthy men who now held seats would not have been in Parliament. It was a travesty upon their boasted civilisation that they could not sink religious differences and work for the common good. Gratifying incidents in connection with the resolution were that the mover (Mr. Killen) is a Presbyterian, and the second an Anglican; all the speakers to the motion were Protestants.

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CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- September 10, Sunday.—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Name of Mary.
 „ 11, Monday.—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor.
 „ 12, Tuesday.—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin.
 „ 13, Wednesday.—St. Sergius I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 14, Thursday.—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
 „ 15, Friday.—Octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 16, Saturday.—SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs.

The Holy Name of Mary.

The name of Mary, according to St. Bernard, means 'Star of the Sea,' an emblem of hope in the midst of danger. St. Peter Chrysologus considers the meaning of Mary to be 'Queen,' and this would accord with her royal dignity, as Mother of Him Who was truly King.

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin.

St. Rose, who was a religious of the Third Order of St. Dominic, was born at Lima, Peru, South America. She is the patron saint of her native city, and was the first saint of South America.

St. Sergius I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Sergius was Pope from 687 to 701. He refused to sanction the Trullan Synod, which assembled in 692, at the summons of the Emperor Justinian II. Irritated by this refusal, the haughty Emperor sent orders for the apprehension and transportation of the Pope to Constantinople. But the Romans, and even the Imperial soldiery, rushed to the defence of the Pope, and only for the Pope's intervention they would have torn Zacharias, the Imperial officer, to pieces.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

St. Helena, having gone to Jerusalem, ordered the destruction of the temple of Venus, built over the tomb of Christ. Then upon excavating to a great depth the holy Sepulchre, and near it the three crosses, also the nails which had pierced our Saviour's body, and the title which had been affixed to His cross, were found. The true Cross was recognised by the miracles which it wrought. St. Helena sent a part of the Cross to Constantinople and left the other part at Jerusalem, where it was encased in a silver box and preserved in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which had been erected on the spot of the discovery. The Church has consecrated this event by the institution of the feast of the 'Finding of the Holy Cross,' which is celebrated on May 3. Chosroes II., King of Persia, having taken Jerusalem, carried off the relic, which was recaptured fourteen years later, under Siroes, his son and successor, by the Emperor Heraclius. Both the Greek and Latin Churches still celebrate this victory, on September 14, by the feast of the 'Exaltation of the Cross.'

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Bishops and Martyrs.

These two saints were contemporaries and friends. Cornelius was elected to succeed Pope Fabian in 251. During his Pontificate the Church had to contend not only with the persecution of the Emperor Decius, but also with the internal disturbances excited by the heretic Novatian. In 252 St. Cornelius was banished to Civita Vecchia. Brought back to Rome in the same year, he there gained the crown of martyrdom.

St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, was born in the beginning of the third century, of a wealthy senatorial family, and had been an esteemed and successful rhetorician at Carthage, his native city. He was converted to Christianity about the year 246, and soon after was raised to the priesthood, and, on the death of Bishop Donatus in 248, he was chosen to succeed that prelate. Cyprian ended his noble episcopate by martyrdom under Valerian in 258.

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