

INTERCOLONIAL

The fund that is being raised in Adelaide for presentation to his Grace Archbishop O'Reilly has reached £750.

Speaking at the mayoral installation, Mr. H. S. F. Busst, mining registrar, gave some striking figures regarding Bendigo's gold production. He said that the total yield of gold from the Bendigo mines from 1851 to 1904 was 17,950,000oz., or 550 tons of solid gold. Last year was one of the best terms for 26 years, its production having been 248,785oz.

On the occasion of his recent visit to Donald (Vic.) to inaugurate a movement for the erection of a new church, his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat, Dr. Higgins, was presented with an illuminated address of welcome by the parishioners. The sum of £550 was promised for the erection of a new church.

Rev. Mother Alphonsus Dowling, who has been in charge of St. Aidan's Orphanage and Magdalen Asylum, Bendigo, has been made Mother Provincial of the Order of the Good Shepherd in Australia and New Zealand. She will reside at Abbotsford. Mother Alphonsus held the position of Superioress at Hobart (Tasmania) for 13 years.

At the Diocesan Synod of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney, held in St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, August 23, at which his Eminence presided, various important matters were discussed. Referring to the school syllabus, his Eminence said he would be pleased to receive any suggestions regarding the curtailment of curriculum, as he was anxious to introduce technical and industrial training into the schools. The programme of the Catholic schools was much higher than that of the State schools, and by making the standard of the various classes equal an opportunity would be offered of giving attention to industrial and technical subjects. Such work would not be confined to the primary, but extended to all Catholic schools. On this question his Eminence said he would obtain the view of the various religious communities.

During the last week in August Goulburn was the scene of several religious ceremonies associated with the blessing of the additions to the Convent of Mercy, the projected Kenmore Orphanage, the Societies' Communion and breakfast, etc. Among the prelates who were present were his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Right Rev. Dr. Corbett, Right Rev. Dr. Delany, Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer. The distinguished prelates were met at the railway station by Bishop Gallagher, a number of the clergy, and a representative gathering of the laity. On leaving the station a procession was formed, which proceeded to the cathedral where an address was presented, to which the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Coadjutor Archbishop of Sydney replied. On the following morning the prelates attended the Annual Communion breakfast of the combined Catholic societies of Goulburn, after which the additions to the convent were blessed by the Archbishop of Melbourne, assisted by the other prelates and clergy. In the afternoon the blessing and laying of the foundation stone of the girls' orphanage at Kenmore, about three miles from Goulburn, took place, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Gallagher. The orphanage, which will be erected on a block of land having an area of 57 acres, is to cost £4000, and will accommodate about 75 children. The site, which was valued at over £500, was given free. Towards the cost of erection the Sisters of Mercy contributed £800, Bishop Gallagher made himself responsible for £700, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kelly gave £500, and a sum of £173 15s had been received from various friends previous to the ceremony. In addition to these amounts a sum of £350 was collected at the ceremony.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- September 17, Sunday.—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 18, Monday.—St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor.
 „ 19, Tuesday.—Saints Januarius and Companions, Martyrs.
 „ 20, Wednesday.—Ember Day. St. Agapitus I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 21, Thursday.—St. Matthew, Apostle.
 „ 22, Friday.—Ember Day. St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 23, Saturday.—Ember Day. St. Linus, Pope and Martyr.

The Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To drink of that chalice of suffering which the Redeemer of mankind drained to the dregs, has fallen to the lot of all the saints, but most of all to the Mother of God. Owing to the sacred tie which bound her to her Divine Son, she felt most keenly every danger which threatened Him, and every pang that wrung His Sacred Heart. Her seven principal sorrows, commemorated today, were the prophecy of St. Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in the temple, the carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion, the taking down from the Cross, and the burial of our Lord.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor.

St. Joseph, the son of poor parents near Brindisi, in his early years followed the trade of a shoemaker. Having entered, as a lay brother, the Order of Conventual Friars, his superiors, through admiration of his humility and penitential spirit, promoted him to the priesthood. God deigned to reward the virtues of His servant by miraculous favors, which were the occasion of numerous conversions. St. Joseph died in 1663, at the age of 60.

St. Januarius and Companions, Martyrs.

St. Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, in the South of Italy, was, with six companions, beheaded during the persecution of Diocletian. The remains of St. Januarius were conveyed to Naples, where every year on his feast and during the octave, the celebrated miracle of the liquefaction of his blood takes place.

St. Agapitus, Pope and Confessor.

St. Agapitus, a Roman, succeeded Pope John II. in 535. He died after a short pontificate of eleven months.

St. Matthew, Apostle.

St. Matthew is the same as Levi mentioned in the Gospel of St. Luke (v 27). He was the son of Alphaeus, and was born near Capharnaum. He was a collector of taxes which the Jews had to pay to the Romans. Tradition relates that he labored for some time in Palestine, after the Ascension of Christ, and then preached the Gospel in Syria, Persia, Parthia, and Ethiopia. In the last-named country he is said to have ended his course by martyrdom. Matthew was the first of the Evangelists who wrote a Gospel, which appeared between the years 61 and 67, or, according to others, in the year 42, about the time of the dispersion of the Apostles. He wrote in Hebrew or Syro-Chaldaic, the language spoken in Palestine at that time. The original is no longer extant, but the Greek version, even in the time of the Apostles, was of equal authority.

St. Thomas of Villanova.

St. Thomas was born at Fuenlana (Leon), Spain, in 1188 and died at Valencia, of which he was Archbishop, in 1555. He was distinguished for his humility and charity, and merited the glorious surname of the 'Father of the Poor.'

St. Linus, Pope and Martyr.

St. Linus, the immediate successor of St. Peter, received the martyr's crown after a Pontificate of twelve years.

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