

INTERCOLONIAL

Miss Hilda Roberts, formerly a pupil of All Hallows' Convent, Brisbane, and who gained the Queensland scholarship of Trinity College, London, has passed the examination as Licentiate of that College. There are 300 students attending the College, and of the six who went forward for examination, she was the youngest.

His Eminence the Cardinal, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, visited Surry Hills on Sunday, September 24, and opened and blessed the new additions which have been made to the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy. The total cost of additions and improvements amounted to £1252. The collection totalled about £250.

The death is reported of Mr. John Links, sen., a highly respected resident of Carcoar, at the age of 65 years. The deceased was a most devoted and practical Catholic, and a foremost worker in the cause of charity. He leaves a widow and thirteen children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. Of his six daughters, three are Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph in this Colony.

The Rev. Father Andrew, C.P., of Adelaide, has been appointed vice-rector of the Goulburn Monastery. Although (says the 'Southern Cross') it is unusual for a Passionist to remain more than three years in one district, Father Andrew has been nine years in the Adelaide archdiocese, and he finds it hard to depart from the hosts of friends he has made here during that time. When bidding good-bye to his parishioners he was deeply affected, and the congregation were equally sorry to lose their zealous priest. He has received numerous presentations.

A large and representative meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral was held a few Sundays ago in the Cardinal's Hall to consider what steps should be taken to commemorate the raising of Mgr. O'Haran to the dignity of Prothonotary Apostolical. There were over 300 present. The Rev. Father O'Gorman, who presided, said that Dr. O'Haran would be adverse to a testimonial of any kind, but the honor conferred upon him was of such a special character that he (the chairman) thought the people of his own parish, with whom he had been associated so long, would be wanting in their duty if they did not in some form or other testify their appreciation of what he had done in connection with the Cathedral. That meeting was called at the request of a great many persons who were anxious to do some little thing at all events as an appreciation of the great honor that had been bestowed on Dr. O'Haran. The office of Prothonotary Apostolical to which he is called is the very highest a priest can be called to in the Church, with the exception of the Cardinalate itself, and that expresses the high appreciation of the Holy Father as to the work he has done in the Church in Australia. After several of the laity had spoken in support of the proposal the following resolution was agreed to: 'That this meeting, desirous of securing the privilege of presenting Monsignor O'Haran with the insignia proper to his office, hereby open a subscription list for that purpose.'

His Grace Archbishop O'Reilly, who returned from his visit to Europe in time for the Third Plenary Council, was on Sunday, September 21, welcomed back to Adelaide. The ceremony took place in St. Xavier's Cathedral in the presence of a crowded congregation, when his Grace was presented with a cheque for about £900. The presentation was organised under conditions that evidence the wide esteem in which his Grace is held. When Dr. O'Reilly was preparing to leave for Rome, there was talk of a presentation to be made prior to his departure. When his Grace heard of it he forbade it, on the ground that the Catholics of his archdiocese had had enough demands already made on their resources. He left word with the Vicar-General that nothing of the kind should be organised during his absence. The Catholics of Adelaide, however, began to move in the matter, and Monsignor Byrne, V.G., was approached. Following out the Archbishop's instructions, the Monsignor did not encourage the movement just then. But later on a formal deputation bearing a signed requisition from the leading members of the clergy and laity, waited on the Monsignor and pressed him to allow them to proceed. Seeing they were bent on the matter, Dr. Byrne acceded to their request. The non-Catholics were represented among the subscribers by the Chief Justice (Right Hon Sir Samuel Way, Lieutenant-Governor), Sir Langdon Bonython, M.H.R., Mr. A. W. Ware, C.M.G., Mr. A. G. Downer, Mr. A. J. Murray, and others.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- October 15, Sunday.—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- „ 16, Monday.—St. Gall Abbot.
- „ 17, Tuesday.—St. Hedwige, Widow.
- „ 18, Wednesday.—St. Luke, Evangelist.
- „ 19, Thursday.—St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.
- „ 20, Friday.—St. John Cantius, Confessor.
- „ 21, Saturday.—St. Victor III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Gall, Abbot.

St. Gall, a disciple of St. Columban, was a native of Ireland. He was the chief assistant of St. Columban in his missionary labors. St. Gall was able to preach in the German as well as the Latin language. He laid the foundations of the celebrated Monastery of St. Gall, in Switzerland. He refused the Bishopric of Constance, which the Duke Gunzo pressed upon his acceptance. He continued to preach the Gospel to the inhabitants of the country about the Monastery of St. Gall, and at the time of his death, which occurred at Arbon October 16, 646, when he was in the 95th year of his age, the entire country of the Alemanni had become a Christian province.

St. Luke, Evangelist.

St. Luke was a native of Antioch, the capital of Syria, and was by profession a doctor of medicine, for St. Paul calls him 'his most dear physician.' He was probably converted at Antioch, in the early days of the Church, and attached himself to St. Paul, whom he accompanied in his apostolic journeys. Nor did he leave that apostle when he was carried prisoner from Jerusalem to Rome, but remained by his side during the two years of his detention. The Gospel of St. Luke, as was the case with those of the other Evangelists, was written for the instruction of the people to whom he preached. His labors were principally cast among the polished inhabitants of Greece and Asia Minor, whom he strove to win to the love of Jesus by the beautiful example of his virtues and the sublime morality of his public teaching. The history of the Acts of the Apostles was written by St. Luke, like his Gospel, in the Greek language, of which he was a perfect master, and which was the mother tongue of those to whom he preached. It was composed in Rome during the time of St. Paul's first imprisonment, and was intended to correct the false relations which had been published in many places regarding the actions of the Apostles, and also to make known more widely the wonderful works of God in the foundation and establishment of His Church.

St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor.

St. Peter of Alcantara, a religious of the Order of St. Francis, was born at Alcantara in 1499. He was vicar and visitor-general of this Congregation, established a strict observance of the rule, was a model of penance, and one of the directors of St. Theresa. He died in the convent of Arenas, 1562.

St. Victor III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Victor belonged to a noble family of Benevento, in the South of Italy. He almost completely rebuilt the famous monastery of Monte Cassino, of which he had been elected abbot, while his zeal and success in conducting in the way of perfection the great number of monks who placed themselves under his guidance was still more remarkable. St. Gregory VII., when dying, recommended him to the Cardinals as his successor. Unfortunately St. Victor survived his election to the Papal throne only a few months, being carried off by a mortal illness in 1087.

The Kalgoorlie Irishmen are taking the preliminary steps to have a memorial stone erected over the grave of the late Dr. Lyhane.

The foundation of a new church at Cobar is to be laid on October 15. His Lordship Dr. Gallagher is to preach on the occasion.

A meeting was held recently in Bathurst for the purpose of inaugurating a testimonial to his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, the Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., presiding. The presentation will consist of an address and purse of sovereigns, and will be made prior to his Lordship's departure for Rome.