

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. M. Murphy, of Meredith (archdiocese of Melbourne), will leave for New Zealand on January 10 on a three months' holiday for the benefit of his health. This will be his first holiday during 27 years' ministration as a priest.

The many friends, clerical and lay, of Dr. M. U. O'Sullivan, F.R.C.S.I., the eminent surgeon of Collins street (says the 'Melbourne Advocate'), will be pleased to learn that he has been made a Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (K.C.S.G.).

The Rev. Brother Carroll has been transferred from the Christian Brothers' schools, St. Kilda East, to the charge of the Adelaide College, Wakefield street, and the Rev. Brother Fogarty, of the Victoria Parade College, takes charge of the St. Kilda schools.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale, the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, the Very Rev. Dean Marshall, Maryborough (Victoria), the Rev. M. J. Shanahan, Hamilton (Victoria), Rev. Father Dunne (brother of Bishop Dunne), and the Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., leave for a trip to Europe by the 'Ortona' on February 13.

The following priests for Australia and New Zealand arrived during the week (says the Melbourne 'Advocate', December 23):—Rev. J. McKeon and Rev. C. Conlon (archdiocese of Melbourne); Rev. Joseph Rowan and Rev. Father Healy (diocese of Rockhampton); Rev. John Finegan (diocese of Maitland); Rev. James Molloy (diocese of Auckland); Rev. Thos. Lynch (diocese of Goulburn); Rev. Father O'Rourke (diocese of Perth).

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, who was connected with the Goulburn diocese for a number of years, has now been affiliated to his native diocese of Cloyne, County Cork, Ireland. When going to Australia at first it was necessary he should receive his Bishop's permission, which was given conditionally that he should return after a limited term. It is possible, however, he may return to Goulburn in the near future. For the present he has received an appointment in a most picturesque locality between Macroom and Kilbarney.

'I think that Australia should be proud of her children,' said Bishop Dubig, in speaking on prize day at the Convent High School, Rockhampton. 'Visitors here are generally brought to our goldfields, or to our coal-mines, or to our pastoral lands to see the wealth of this great country; but had I the doing of it, I would lead the visitors into our schools, for I believe that in her bright children Australia has her grandest and her greatest asset. Although not an Australian born, I know something of the Australian children. I have, I might say, grown up with them. I have been to school with them, and I love the Australian children, and I am proud of my association with them.'

A recent issue of the London 'Daily Chronicle' contains the following:—The Hon. Hugh Mahon, who has tabled a motion in the Commonwealth Parliament inviting the London papers to send special correspondents to inquire whether the Australian laws impede British immigration, was Postmaster-General in the short-lived Labor Government of Mr. Watson. Except Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, he has been the only Irish political prisoner to attain Cabinet rank in Greater Britain. He was in Kilmainham with Mr. Parnell and other eminent Irish politicians of the stormy Land League period. He afterwards emigrated, and joined the staff of one of the Sydney papers, subsequently moving to the Western Australian goldfields, where he founded and edited a paper of his own.

Prior to distributing the prizes won by scholars at the Loreto College, Albert Park, the Archbishop of Melbourne made an announcement as to the provisions to be made for the higher scientific training of teachers in Catholic schools. His Grace said that the Bishops of the province of Melbourne had resolved to establish a central training college, situated in Melbourne, under the supervision of the Sisters of Loreto, at Albert Park. They would be charged with the general administration of the institute, and the material, moral, and religious welfare of the students. The services had been secured of a lady of considerable experience in school organisation, Miss Barbara M. Bell, a diplomée of Cambridge University. In her relation to the pupils she would fill the position of mistress of studies, and method, supervising their scholastic work, and stimulating their efforts to reach the highest point of efficiency. At the Provincial Synod (Sydney) it was decided to establish a training college in each State of the Commonwealth.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 7, Sunday.—First Sunday after the Epiphany.
 „ 8, Monday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 9, Tuesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 10, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 11, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 12, Friday.—Of the Octave.
 „ 13, Saturday.—Octave of the Epiphany.

Bishop Strossmayer's Aphorisms.

Faith is ever the best guardian of freedom.
 Worldly goods have no other value than their use in the attainment of moral ends or national ideals.
 Fame is not to be bought with small change in the market-place.
 The noblest aim of a government is the awakening of a people's conscience.
 Whatever lives in a nation's soul must sooner or later receive expression in public deeds.
 Alone constant, beautiful, and advantageous to the holiest aims of humanity, is that which is upheld, not by force, but by justice.
 Politics knows neither pity nor affection.
 Wisdom, moderation, and conciliation are all virtues and are the fruits of political ripeness and adaptability.
 Nothing is more detrimental to national development than self-deception and self-laudation.
 As is the marriage contract and the life of married couples, such will be the nation.

Banns First Published.

The custom of publishing the banns of marriage dates back to the primitive Church. Tertullian, who died A.D. 240, states that warning of intended marriages was given among the early Christians.

It appears that the publication of banns was habitual in many places long before there was any general law on the subject, since Gregory IV. (1198-1216) speaks of the banns being given out in church, according to custom. The practice was introduced into France about the ninth century, and in 1176 was enforced in the diocese of Paris.

The earliest enactment on the subject in England was an order made in the Synod of Westminster in 1200 to the effect that no marriage should be celebrated till the banns had been published in the church on three several Sundays or feast days. This was made obligatory throughout the Church by the fourth Lateran Council, held in Rome in 1215.

Good Thoughts from Various Sources.

The Almighty is too just to interweave with our nature any passion which it is not in the power of our reason to subdue.

He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at it may be a saint; he that boasts of it is a devil.

The primal duties shine aloft like stars; the charities that soothe and heal and bless are scattered at the feet of man like flowers.

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion.

It is well for men to give good advice when they are too old to set bad example.

Every crime destroys more Edens than our own.

Duty, like death, enters every abode and delivers its message. Conscience, like reason and judgment, is universal.

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.

If luxury is sweet, its consequence is cruel.

The only perfect people are those we don't know.

They can conquer who believe they can.

Thinking well and talking well are nothing without doing well.

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.