

## INTERCOLONIAL

Upwards of £200 has been subscribed at Warwick in aid of the Irish Home Rule movement.

The Very Rev. Dean Phelan left London on January 19 on his return to Melbourne. He is expected to arrive about February 21.

Rev. Father James Byrne, late of Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin, has been appointed to the charge of St. Stephen's Cathedral, in succession to Right Rev. Dr. Duhig.

Dr. M. U. O'Sullivan, F.R.C.S.I., of Melbourne, who was recently decorated by the Pope for services to science, has been chosen President of the Medical Society of Victoria.

The death is announced of the Rev. Father James Duff, who passed away at Fremantle on January 1. Father Duff was born in Tully, County Louth, in 1860, and was educated at All Hallows College, Dublin. Immediately after his ordination he came to Western Australia.

The dividends paid by the West Australian gold mining companies during last year amounted to £2,167,142. This is the largest amount paid in any year since the inception of the industry, the nearest approach being the distribution of £2,066,015 in 1899. A total sum in cash dividends, amounting to about £277,000, was declared last month.

The friends of the popular 'Dan' Fitzgerald (says the Sydney 'Freeman') will be pained to learn that the malady from which he has suffered for some time past has assumed a form which leaves little hope of his recovery. Mr. Fitzgerald now lies in a private hospital in Melbourne calmly awaiting the end which seems inevitable, and for which he has been strengthened by the last Sacraments of the Church.

Australia will be represented by two Catholics at the Postal Conference to be held shortly in Rome—Mr. Austin Chapman, Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth, and Sir Joseph Ward, Postmaster-General and Minister of Railways of New Zealand. Both have been in Rome before, and have been favored with audiences with the Holy Father. Mr. Chapman was with Sir Edmund Barton and Sir John Forrest at the audience with Leo XIII.

An old pioneer of the Rochester district, Mr. James Graham, died recently at his residence, Rochester East, at the age of 70 years. He was unmarried, and a native of Cork, Ireland, and took up land at Restdown 35 years ago. He was buried in a grave on ground purchased by him for the purpose many years ago, and on which he at the time had erected his own tombstone, suitably inscribed, and with a blank for the date of his death.

During Right Rev. Dr. Duhig's visit to Brisbane, after his consecration as Bishop of Rockhampton, he was made the recipient of an address from the members of the men's branch of the Associations of the Sacred Heart, at St. Stephen's Cathedral. During the Bishop's term of duty in Brisbane he was director of the association, and worked hard for its welfare. Accompanying the address was a magnificent group photograph of Father Duhig and the members of the council of the association.

An important addition was made to the hospitals of Brisbane the other day, when a distinguished company gathered to witness the opening ceremony of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, which is to be in charge of the Sisters of Mercy. The premises were recently the residence of the Hon. P. Perkins, and are admirably adapted for their new work. All the latest fittings for hospital work have been installed, and the Rev. Mother was warmly congratulated on the arrangements. The hospital is for both male and female patients of all denominations.

The opening of the New Year reminds us ('W.A. Record') of the arrival 60 years ago of the first Sisters of Mercy in Australia. It is the proud boast of West Australia that the first Sisters of Mercy who set foot on Australian soil came to West Australia with the first Bishop of Perth. It is only fitting then that the celebration of this notable event should be properly celebrated in connection with the Convent of Mercy, Victoria Square, which, without questioning, must be regarded in a sense the Mother House of the whole Order in Australia. It is the intention of his Lordship the Bishop that the celebrations in connection with the diamond jubilee shall take place on the Wednesday of Easter Week.

## Friends at Court

### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- February 4, Sunday.—Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.  
St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop and Confessor.  
" 5, Monday.—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.  
" 6, Tuesday.—St. Hyacinth Mariscotti, Virgin.  
" 7, Wednesday.—St. Romuald, Abbot.  
" 8, Thursday.—St. John of Matha, Confessor.  
" 9, Friday.—St. Zosimus, Pope and Confessor.  
" 10, Saturday.—St. Scholastica, Virgin.

St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Andrew belonged to a very illustrious family of Florence. In his boyhood he showed signs of a tendency to extravagance and vice, but the prayers and exhortations of his pious mother brought about his complete conversion. After having been for many years a member of the Carmelite Order, he was elected Bishop of Fiesole, a town near Florence. In this position he labored incessantly for eleven years, his only recreation being meditation on the truths of religion, and reading the Sacred Scriptures. He died in 1373, at the age of 71.

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Agatha belonged to a rich and illustrious Sicilian family. During the persecution of Decius, she displayed great constancy in suffering the bitter and protracted tortures which were inflicted on her by the orders of a pagan judge, and which eventually caused her death in 251. The city of Catania, situated at the foot of Mt. Etna, honors her as patron, and attributes to her protection its safety on the occasion of many violent volcanic eruptions.

St. Hyacinth Mariscotti, Virgin.

St. Hyacinth was a native of Italy. Though untarnished by any grievous fault, she was, in her youth, fond of worldly vanities, and gave but a half-hearted response to the graces by which God called her to a more perfect life. Having embraced the religious state, she atoned for the ease and luxury of her early life by the austerity of her later years. She died in 1640, at the age of 55.

St. Romuald, Abbot.

St. Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. From his youth he longed for a solitary life, that he might serve God with greater tranquility, free from the tumult of the world. At the age of twenty he became a member of a religious community near Ravenna, and afterwards founded a very strict Order of monks, called Camaldolese, from their most famous monastery. St. Romuald was over seventy years of age at the time of his death in 1027.

St. John of Matha, Confessor.

St. John was born in Provence towards the middle of the twelfth century. Even in boyhood he was remarkable for the perfect manner in which he practised fraternal charity, his chief pleasure being to assist the sick in a neighboring hospital. In conjunction with St. Felix of Valois, he founded the Order of Trinitarians for the ransoming of Christians enslaved by the Moors. He died in Rome, A.D. 1213.

St. Zosimus, Pope and Confessor.

St. Zosimus, a native of Greece, succeeded Pope St. Innocent I. in 417. He died after a pontificate of one year, marked by the framing of many wise disciplinary regulations, and by zealous effort to eradicate the Pelagian heresy.

St. Scholastica, Virgin.

St. Scholastica was a sister of St. Benedict, and, like him, she embraced the religious life at an early age. She was for several years Superioress of a community of nuns at a convent near to Monte Cassino, where her saintly brother was Abbot. St. Scholastica died about the year 543.

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.