

INTERCOLONIAL

Additions to the church at Dubbo were solemnly opened on Sunday, January 21, by his Lordship the Bishop of Bathurst. The subscriptions amounted to over £700.

Rev. Father Flanagan has been transferred from Kelso to Bathurst, where he will take the place of Father McGee, who is leaving for Rome, to join the Society of Jesus. Genuine sorrow is felt in Father Flanagan's extensive parish over his departure.

The Rev. T. Lynch, of St. Mary's East St. Kilda, who accompanied Dean Phelan on a trip to Europe about 12 months ago, is in very indifferent health, and as a consequence he has been compelled to delay his return for some time. Father Lynch is at present staying in County Kerry, Ireland.

Sir George Errington, formerly M.P. for Longford, and once unofficially sent on a diplomatic mission from England to Rome in a critical period of Land League history, passed through Sydney recently. He and Lady Errington are on a flying visit to Australia to escape the cold of the Northern Hemisphere.

Alexander Juett, student of the Christian Brothers' College, Perth, has been placed third in order of merit on the list of Government University and Senior Exhibitions by the Education Department. Leslie Reedy and Angus Ferguson, of the same college, have been placed fourth and fifth respectively.

The amount of the O'Doherty Memorial Fund (says the Brisbane 'Age') now reaches £400, with many donations to come in. It is intended to erect a memorial over Dr. O'Doherty's grave at Toowong Cemetery, but it will not be a pretentious monument, and the remainder of the fund will be used to smooth out the declining years of Mrs. O'Doherty.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran has announced that he intends to make provision in the new standard of proficiency to be issued for the primary schools within a few weeks for the teaching of Irish history, etc. It is the Cardinal's intention, in order to prevent interference arising from outside bodies, to provide special prizes for these subjects, and to have the examinations conducted exclusively in connection with the diocesan examinations for the Cardinal's prizes.

The Rev. Father T. O'Reilly, of Parramatta, who is about to celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination, leaves on February 10 on a trip to Ireland. He will sail in company with their Lordships Drs. Dunne and O'Connor, of Bathurst and Armidale respectively, the Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., and Mr. Jas. Dalton, Rev. Father O'Donohue and other priests. The people of Parramatta have decided to present Father O'Reilly with an address and a purse of sovereigns prior to his departure. He has been 17 years in Parramatta, and 25 years in Australia.

Recently the gentlemen associated with the presentation to Monsignor O'Haran were entertained last afternoon tea by Cardinal Moran at the Palace at Manly. The Cardinal received his guests and very graciously explained to all the paintings and priceless ecclesiastical relics with which his museum abounds. The latter include a chalice used by the Venerable Oliver Plunkett, that used by Archpriest Therry, and the pectoral cross presented by Cardinal Weld and worn by Archbishop Polding for nearly forty years. 'But this,' said his Eminence, reverently, holding a chalice and patten of discolored pewter in his hand, 'is the most precious relic of the whole collection. Intrinsically it is probably worth a few pence, but the articles were used by martyr-priests in the Penal Days of Ireland.'

Still another charitable institution (says the Sydney 'Freeman') has been added to the list of those that already exist under the auspices of the Church in and around Sydney. On Sunday afternoon, January 21, his Eminence the Cardinal-Archbishop, accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Lismore, and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, Prothon. Apos., drove to North Shore, and blessed and opened a new children's hospital at Willoughby Road, which will be conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. The total expenditure on the institution has been over £1500, and the sum on hand, including donations received at the ceremony, was about £200. The building was formerly the North Shore Hospital, and was purchased for £1250. For the present the hospital will be conducted by four of the Sisters of Mercy and a matron—Miss Glasheen, a native of Tipperary, who had been for six years at the Sydney Hospital, and for some years has been engaged in her profession as a private nurse.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- February 11, Sunday.—Septuagesima Sunday.
 „ 12, Monday.—St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.
 „ 13, Tuesday.—The Prayer in the Garden.
 „ 14, Wednesday.—St. Agatho, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 15, Thursday.—St. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 16, Friday.—St. Gregory X., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 17, Saturday.—St. Fintan, Abbot.

Septuagesima Sunday.

The third Sunday before Lent is called Septuagesima Sunday, like Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, from its distance (reckoned in round numbers) before Easter.

St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.

St. Telesphorus was Pope from 127 to 138. He was a Greek by birth, an anchorite of Mount Carmel, became the successor of Sixtus I., and died a martyr in Rome under Hadrian. He instituted the practice of saying three masses on Christmas Day.

The Prayer of Our Lord in the Garden.

'Kneeling down, he prayed, saying, "Father if thou wilt, remove this chalice from Me; but yet not My will, but Thine, be done." And there appeared to Him an angel from Heaven, strengthening Him, and, being in an agony, He prayed the longer.' (Gospel of St. Luke).

St. Agatho, Pope and Confessor.

St. Agatho, Pope and Confessor, was born at Palermo, Sicily. His legates presided at the sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople), which condemned Monothelism, in the year 680, and which had assembled at the request of Constantine IV. (Pogonatus), to whom the Pope had written a remarkable letter to refute the new heresy.

St. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Martina is one of the principal patrons of Rome, where she suffered martyrdom in the third century. It is to be regretted that but little is known of her life and suffering.

St. Gregory X.

St. Gregory X. was Pope from 1272-1276. No sooner had he ascended the Apostolic Chair than he summoned the Fourteenth Ecumenical Council, which met at Lyons in 1274. The declared objects of the Council were: succor to the Holy Land, the reconciliation of the Greek Church, and reformation of morals. The council opened with great solemnity, the Pope himself officiating. For the succor of the Holy Land, a tenth of all ecclesiastical revenues was voted for six years. In the fourth session, the re-union of the Greek Church with the Latin was solemnised; and the Council, besides passing 32 canons regulating the discipline of the Church, and providing for the reformation of morals. Also a new constitution providing for the speedy and concordant election of a Roman Pontiff received the approbation of the Council.

St. Fintan, Abbot.

The distinguished Abbot Fintan was one of the family of Niall, of the North of Ireland. He was placed at the school of Bangor, under St. Comgall, and afterwards he studied at the school of Kilmore-Deathrib, which Columbkille is supposed to have governed for some time, before his departure from Ireland. The reputation and sanctity of the monks of Iona, under Columbkille, had made such an impression on him that he resolved to join their community in order to lead a life of greater sanctity in the quiet retirement of their monastery. St. Fintan was far advanced in years when he died on October 21, 635, leaving after him a distinguished reputation for sanctity and perfection in piety and godliness.

At a meeting of the stallholders of the Spring Carnival, held in aid of the Christian Brothers' School, St. Kilda, a balance-sheet was presented showing a profit of £1040.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who is now 68, was born in Dumfermline, in humble circumstances. He emigrated to America when only 13, and made an enormous fortune out of iron. He has returned to his native land, and now lives at Skibo Castle, Sutherland.