

INTERCOLONIAL.

A new window has been erected in the Chapel of the Irish Saints in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, in memory of the late Cardinal Newman.

The Rev. Henry Lynch, S.J., lately of Riverview, and a missionary well known and very popular throughout Australia (says the *Catholic Press*), is now stationed at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin. There are about 18 Jesuit Fathers attached to Gardiner street.

The Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 155 candidates at Murrumburrah on Sunday, May 25. Father Hennessy read a statement of accounts, showing that since he took charge of the parish 18 months ago the receipts totalled over £700, and the debt on the church had been reduced by £500.

On the Eve of Pentecost, Sister Mary Michael, of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy, passed to her reward at All Hallows' Convent, Brisbane. The deceased nun was 51 years of age, having entered the convent at the age of 24. She was born at Clantagh, County Longford, Ireland, and came to Queensland with some other nuns in the beginning of 1878. She was a sister of Rev. Mother Mary Patrick Potter, of All Hallows', and of the Rev. Father Potter, of Warwick.

A meeting of the building committee of St. Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, was held a few Sundays ago. The report, which was presented by the committee, showed that since 1890 £67,000 has been spent on the building, while the aggregate amount expended something over £216,000. Archbishop Carr promised the committee £1,000 towards a fund being raised to erect a young men's hall, to be attached to the Cathedral. In response to a vote of thanks the Archbishop said he had written to his Excellency the Governor-General expressing regret at his determination to leave Australia. In his opinion his Excellency was an ideal of what a Governor-General ought to be. They all regretted his approaching departure, not merely from selfish or private reasons, but from a national point of view. Archbishop Carr's remarks were received with hearty applause.

Senator O'Connor is adding to his great reputation—if such be possible—and he is regarded by all parties as the soundest and most tactful member of the Federal Cabinet. The Melbourne *Age*, speaking of the debate on the tariff, says: 'Undoubtedly the best speech made in the course of the debate was that in which Mr O'Connor dealt with the arguments and statistics put forward against the adoption of protection in the Commonwealth. Mr O'Connor has a lucid, forcible method of explaining and driving home his points which in itself is highly convincing, and he is besides a consummate master of debate, quick at finding and laying bare the vulnerable places in his adversary's position, a diplomat in dealing with the waverers who might go either one side or the other, and ready, skilful, ingenious, and resourceful when he has to meet a telling or incisive interjection. The Government is indeed fortunate in having such an able and withal courteous representative to steer its barque through the hostile shoals of the Upper House.'

Miss Amy Castles left for Melbourne after the matinee on Monday, May 26 (says the Sydney *Freeman's Journal*), and received quite an ovation when she left the Town Hall. The entrance to the hall, even in George street, as far down as the Markets, was thronged with people eager to get a glimpse of the gifted young singer, and to have a farewell word with her. She called out her good-byes from the carriage, and smiled in her girlish way at the good wishes showered on her. At Redfern station an enormous concourse assembled as the hour for the departure of the express drew near. Miss Castles was showered with beautiful floral offerings. She bowed and smiled her acknowledgments of the compliment paid her. The train left the station to the accompaniment of prolonged cheering and wild excitement, all the members of the company coming in for their share of this demonstration. The first of Miss Castles' farewell concerts in Melbourne was given at the Town Hall to an overflow audience.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne (says the *Advocate*) has ordered that a special service shall be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday night, 29th June, in connection with the Coronation of King Edward VII. The Archbishop will preside, and his Excellency the Governor-General will be present on the occasion. The feeling had gained ground that there would be no Catholic celebration on account of the objectionable words in the King's oath, but it is pointed out that the oath is only taken on the occasion of his Majesty's accession, and does not enter into the Coronation celebrations. At a meeting of Catholic peers in England on the 11th ult. it was resolved that the agitation for the removal of the objectionable phrase in the oath should be suspended until after the Coronation, as the oath would have no place in that ceremony. In view of this fact, and also to give Catholics who occupy official positions an opportunity of showing their allegiance without having to attend the services at the Exhibition Building or at St. Paul's Cathedral, the service will be held. The Church makes a broad distinction between the Coronation service, which is purely of a religious character, and the celebrations at the beginning of the Commonwealth, at which a prayer was offered by the Governor-General, the latter being regarded as a purely civic function, at which any member of the Church might properly attend. Solemn Vespers, sermon, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the singing of the Te Deum will form the service. The sermon will have special reference to the event there and then celebrated. The Cathedral choir will be augmented by several of the city and suburban choirs; the musical portion of the service will be a leading feature of the celebration.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- June 15, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.
 " 16, Monday.—St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor.
 " 17, Tuesday.—St. Paschal L. Pope and Confessor.
 " 18, Wednesday.—St. Isidore Agricola, Confessor.
 " 19, Thursday.—St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.
 " 20, Friday.—St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr.
 " 21, Saturday.—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.

ST. ANTONINUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR.

St. Antoninus was born in 1389 at Florence, of which city he became afterwards Archbishop. He was distinguished for his piety and learning. He has left *Summa Confessionalis: Summa Theologica*, a great compilation of moral extracts from the works of the Fathers, scholastics, and councils; *Summa Historialis*, the greatest chronicle of the Middle Ages, rich in the notices of Church history, commencing with the creation of the world and ending with the last year of the saint's life.

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA.

Aloysius or Louis Gonzaga was the son of Ferdinand, Marquis of Castiglione, and was born at his father's castle in the diocese of Brescia, A.D. 1568. His father, who wished to inspire Aloysius with the love of a military life, had a complete suit of armor made for him when he was quite a child and took him to the camp, where his courtesy and courageous spirit made him the idol and pride of the soldiers.

When he had reached the age of eight the Marquis placed him and his younger brother Ralph under the care of a tutor at the court of the Duke of Tuscany, where they were instructed in the knowledge and accomplishments which befitted their noble birth.

After spending about two years at Florence, the two brothers were sent by their father to the court of the Duke of Mantua, his near relation. There they continued the course of their studies. About this time Aloysius formed the design of resigning his title to the Marquisate in favor of his brother, and devoting himself to the service of God in the religious state. Hearing that St. Charles Borromeo, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Milan, had arrived at Brescia, Aloysius went thither to ask his blessing. St. Charles received him with paternal kindness, which encouraged Aloysius to lay before him the secrets of his soul. The holy Cardinal was much edified on discovering the angelic innocence and eminent sanctity of his penitent. Finding that he had not yet made his First Communion, though he was 12 years of age, he prepared him for it and administered to him the Bread of Angels with his own hands. Soon afterwards the Marquis, passing into Spain, placed his two sons at the court of Madrid, where they served as pages of honor to the young Prince James.

Upon the death of the Prince two years later Aloysius and his brother returned to Italy. Already had our Saint, who had now attained his 16th year, solicited from his father permission to enter the Society of Jesus, but had met with a peremptory refusal. Upon his return home every means were employed to divert him from his resolution, but though greatly grieved at being the cause of displeasure and disappointment to a beloved parent, he continued firm in his purpose, being convinced that he was following the call of God. More than once did the Marquis give his consent and afterwards withdraw it, but at the end of three years, after a severe struggle with himself, he surrendered to the earnest entreaties of his son, who, after making a formal renunciation of his rights in favor his brother, was received into the Jesuit novitiate. From that moment his life, uneventful in the eyes of men, was hidden with Almighty God and spent in the most perfect exercise of obedience to the will of his superiors.

A malignant fever broke out in Rome and Aloysius got permission to serve the sick in the hospitals. He catechised and exhortated the poor patients, and at the same time rendered them the most laborious and meanest services. After many of his companions had fallen victims to the disease, Aloysius fell sick and received the last rites of the Church. His holy death took place on the Octave of Corpus Christi, in the 24th year of his age and sixth of his religious profession. St. Aloysius is regarded as the perfect model of Christian youth and has been designated by the Holy See as their patron.

Rev. John O'Shea, who has been doing duty as assistant to the Very Rev. Dean Beechior, at Launceston, for the past two months, has been appointed to St. Joseph's, Hobart, in succession to the Rev. Father Prendergast, who is leaving Tasmania.

Those who had the good fortune on previous occasions of being present at Mr A. H. Burton's 'Evenings with Great Authors' will learn with pleasure that he has decided to give a series of readings this winter. The first of the series will take place in the Choral Hall, Dunedin, on Monday evening, when Mr Burton will give selections from Dickens' works...

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