

## INTERCOLONIAL.

It is intended by the Hibernian Society at Townsville (Queensland) to erect a monument on the grave of the late Father Mulligan, and the congregation propose to perpetuate his memory by the insertion of a stained-glass window in the new church.

A memorial fair held at Westbury (Tasmania) for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Archdeacon Hogan Clock Tower proved very successful. The takings for the first three nights amounted to £159. The debt on the Memorial Tower is about £260.

The Archbishop of Adelaide, who is a musical enthusiast, in addition to his many other versatile gifts (writes the *Southern Cross*) called upon Miss Amy Castles at the South Australian Hotel the other day. When Dr. O'Reilly first heard Miss Castles at one of our convent schools on her last visit to Adelaide he predicted a great future for her.

At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, held in the Cardinal's Hall recently to consider the best means of raising funds to meet the cost of renovating St. Mary's Presbytery, the ladies present pledged themselves to hold a social at an early date, by which they anticipated being able to raise at least half the required sum, namely, £250.

At the practical examinations under the auspices of the London College of Music at Maitland the other day, Miss Bertha McGowen and Miss Fanny Connelly, of Singleton, were successful in gaining the diploma of associate of the college, carrying with it the cap and gown of the college and the privilege of appending the letters A.L.C.M. Miss Clara Robinson, also of Singleton, secured a senior pass, with honors. The results were obtained on the pianoforte. The above-named young ladies were trained for the examinations by the Sisters of Mercy at the Convent High School, Singleton.

At an entertainment given recently in St. John's School Hall, East Melbourne, the Very Rev. Dean Phelan read the balance-sheet in connection with the recent bazaar. The total receipts were £726 18s, and the expenses £18 13s, leaving a net balance of £708 5s. Commenting on these figures the Dean congratulated all those connected with the bazaar, particularly the joint hon. secs., Messrs Brennan and Conlon, on establishing what he considered was a record. To run a bazaar for three weeks and clear over £700 with so little expense is, as far as I am aware, without a rival or anything to approach it.

'The Church Commonwealth,' the organ of the High Church party of Australia, in its last issue, has this paragraph anent the attacks of the ultra-Orange sheet—*The Rock*—'The Jesuits have scored a victory against the *Rock*. Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., determined to put a stop to the continual stream of slander which issues from the papers under Orange influence, and accordingly brought a test case against the *Rock* for libel in its references to himself. It is high time that 'Evangelicals,' as they love to term themselves, left off their use of carnal weapons of slander, and we trust the lesson learnt in the recent lawsuit will help them to mend their ways. It is strange to find ourselves in any sympathy with the Jesuits, but in this matter we are heartily glad for their victory.'

Mr and Mrs Thomas Curran, sen., (says the *Freeman's Journal*) have broken up their home at Glebe Point with a view to an extended residence in the old country. It is somewhat remarkable that Mr Curran, who for a number of years worked with an Irish Parliamentary Party whose usefulness was impaired by dissension, should on the eve of his return to London—when it is possible the Irish electors may again avail themselves of his services—have assisted at an enthusiastic Home Rule meeting in Sydney which has united local forces in the interests of a united Irish party and people.

A public meeting, at which the Mayor presided, was held recently in Newcastle for the purpose of taking steps to raise funds for the Waratah Deaf and Dumb Institution, conducted by the Dominican nuns. One of the speakers said there were 30 pupils now in the institution, many of them being non-Catholics, and all classes, irrespective of their religion or station in life, were admitted. The debt on the institution was £5250, and the annual interest to be paid amounted to £300. To meet the expenses the Sisters had to depend mainly on the voluntary donations of the public. If something were not soon done, it might be found necessary to close the institution.

Apropos of the rumours respecting Cardinal Moran's possible retention at the Curia, the Rome correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*, writing on May 4, remarks:—"No Cardinal of English ideas and English speech has resided in the Roman Courts since the death of Cardinal Howard in 1892, after a couple of years of illness and absence in England. His last predecessor had been Cardinal Acton, the memory of whose opposition to the views of the English Vicars-Apostolic about the reconstitution of the national hierarchy spoke for independence of spirit and the immense influence attaching to such a position. Cardinal Newman had been created as a Cardinal of the Curia. He had no episcopal jurisdiction abroad, but he did not reside in the Court; the veneration entertained for his years, learning, and career had procured him the privilege of exemption from the obligation of residence. Such a case as that of Cardinal Moran was the exact reverse. He was a member of the Sacred College, with the status of a metropolitan in a national capital abroad, and his resignation would be in its consequences the converse to the elevation of Cardinal Newman to the purple."

If Cyclists or Footballers meet with accidents, they will find that Evan's WITCH'S OIL is infallible.—\*.\*

## Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 6, Sunday.—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.  
 " 7, Monday.—St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.  
 " 8, Tuesday.—St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.  
 " 9, Wednesday.—Prodigies of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 " 10, Thursday.—The Seven Brothers, Martyrs.  
 " 11, Friday.—St. Pius I., Pope and Martyr.  
 " 12, Saturday.—St. John Gualbert, Abbot.

## ST. KILIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR.

St. Kilian was an Irish bishop who was martyred at Würzburg. He was the first to preach the Gospel in the north of Bavaria, the country now known as Franconia. With two companions, Coloman a priest, and Totnan a deacon, Kilian left Ireland, his native country, in 686, and with the sanction of Pope Conon, established a mission at Würzburg. Duke Gozbert received him kindly and was converted, and his example was followed by a great number of his subjects. But St. Kilian fell a victim to the hatred of Geilana, whose marriage with Gozbert, brother of her former husband, he declared to be contrary to the law of God. He and his companions, in the absence of the duke, were cruelly murdered, in 689.

## THE SEVEN BROTHERS AND THEIR MOTHER, FELICITAS, MARTYRS.

The family of saints and martyrs whom we honor on July 10 were of noble blood and dwelt at Rome, where they suffered for the faith about the middle of the second century. Felicitas, who had been left a widow, brought up her sons in sentiments of heroic virtue. At length the pagan priests, enraged at the numerous conversions from idolatry which they attributed to the influence of Felicitas and her sons, so far worked upon the superstitious fears of the Emperor Antoninus, that he gave orders to Publius, the Prefect of the city, to deal with them in such a manner that the anger of the gods might be appeased either by their prompt submission or their condign punishment. Having summoned the whole family before his tribunal, Publius first took Felicitas aside and exhorted her to sacrifice to the gods, in order that he might not be obliged to proceed to extreme measures. To which she replied: 'Do not think to frighten me by threats or win me by fair speeches. My children will live eternally with Christ if they are faithful to Him, but must expect eternal death if they sacrifice to idols.' Then turning to her sons she said: 'My sons, look up to heaven where Jesus Christ with His saints expects you. Be faithful in His love and fight courageously for your souls.' On hearing these words Publius flew into a rage and ordered her to be cruelly buffeted. Being informed of their constancy, the Emperor gave orders that they should be distributed among the several tribunals and condemned to various deaths. Januarius was scourged with whips laden with leaden plummets till he expired. Felix and Philip were beaten to death with clubs. Sylvanus was thrown down a steep precipice, and the three youngest, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martialis, were beheaded. The heroic mother of this noble band followed her children by the sword of the executioner four months later.

## ST. PIUS I., POPE AND MARTYR.

St. Pius I. was Pope from 142 to 157. Assisted by St. Justin the Philosopher, he combated the heresies of Valentinus and Marcion, who denied the resurrection of the body and condemned marriage.

## ST. JOHN GUALBERT, ABBOT.

St. John Gualbert was the founder of the celebrated abbey of Vallombrosa, in Tuscany, in the year 1038. He was a member of a noble Tuscan family, and had been charged by his father to take a bloody revenge upon the murderer of his brother Hugh, and, coming up with the object of his search on Good Friday, in a narrow defile, where escape was impossible, he made directly for him. The murderer threw himself upon his knees, and, arranging his arms in the form of a cross, besought his antagonist to show mercy out of love of Him Who that day suffered for all. From respect for the symbol of salvation, and touched with the beauty of the appeal, John not only granted the prayer of the murderer, but took him to his bosom and adopted him in place of the brother he had lost. He then withdrew to pray in the neighboring monastery of San Miniato, and, while kneeling there before a crucifix, saw the figure of our Saviour incline its head towards him. Accepting this as a token of divine approval of what he had done, he at once entered upon an ascetic life, commenced the practice of great austerities, and ended by founding an order, whose members were clothed in an ash-colored garment and observed the rule of St. Benedict in its more severe form. At the death of St. John Gualbert (1072), the community counted 12 monasteries.

In cases of Sprains or any injury to the limbs the application of WITCH'S OIL gives instant relief.—\*.\*

The railway authorities notify that certain alterations in the time table came into force on the 1st inst. The express train leaving Dunedin for Christchurch at 11 a.m. will arrive at its destination at 8.15 p.m. The express from Christchurch will arrive in Dunedin at 8.15 p.m..