

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. Mother of the Lewisham Hospital, Sydney, has received a cheque for £110 from Dr. Donovan, K.C.S.G., who at time of writing was travelling in Italy.

Mrs. Spencer Nolan has presented a fine harmonium to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their residence at Bondi. Mrs. Nolan's generosity is the more striking as she is not a Catholic.

The Very Rev. Dean Hegarty, of Melbourne, who read the burial service at the graveside in Glasnevin Cemetery on the occasion of the interment of the late Sir C. G. Duffy, is expected back from Europe this week, when he will receive a public reception.

Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, presided recently at the ceremony of profession at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Singleton. Among those who made their profession was Miss Ellen Moya, Ross, New Zealand.

The Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Administrator of the Goulburn Cathedral, was, on April 17, the recipient of a soutane and biretta from the ladies who conducted the recent bazaar. The presentation took place at a social gathering given as a compliment to Father O'Sullivan.

The Rev. Mother of the Loretto Convent, Ballarat, will shortly celebrate the 50th anniversary of her profession as a nun, and a number of the Convent's former pupils are arranging to make her a presentation in commemoration of the event.

The oldest priest in New South Wales, now that the Very Rev. Dr. Hallinan has passed away, is Monsignor Rigney, of Smithfield, near Parramatta. Born in 1814—the year before Waterloo—he was ordained in 1837, and arrived in Sydney with seven priests, all of whom he has survived, in 1838.

A large and handsome stained glass window has just been erected in the Chapel of Nazareth House, Ballarat. The window, which is dedicated to the memory of the late James Coghlan, K.S.G., consists of three lights, with tracery. Across the base runs a scroll with the words, 'Erected to the memory of James Coghlan, K.S.G., by his family.'

At the annual district meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society, of Victoria, the report presented showed that during the past year 10 branches of the society had been established in Victoria, four of them being ladies' branches, at Elsternwick, Footscray, Geelong, and Hawthorn. The position of the district had been more than maintained during the year, the funds amounting to £38,416, and the membership to 7888.

The Inspector of Charities (writes a Melbourne correspondent) has paid his annual visit to St. Vincent's Hospital, and while going through the wards expressed his great satisfaction with everything he saw. On the occasion of his visit there were 17 Catholic patients in the institution and 13 non-Catholic, while at the outdoor department several thousands of patients of all denominations had been registered as having received medical treatment during the past 12 months.

Mdlle Dolores before leaving Auckland for America sent a telegraphic message of thanks to the people of Australia for the magnificent receptions accorded to her during her two years' sojourn in the Commonwealth. Commenting on this message the Melbourne 'Age' says: 'Between Mdlle Dolores and the Australian public there exists a mutual warm appreciation. The public has unmistakably demonstrated this feeling on many occasions when they have had the great singer before them. She, on her part, demonstrates it in the kindly message which she telegraphed from Auckland.'

The gift of music seems to have fallen to both male and female members of the Castles family. Miss Amy Castles and her sister, Miss Dolly Castles, are now to be followed to Paris by their brother, Mr. George Castles. Mr. Castles, who is said to possess a fine tenor voice, was entertained at the Vienna Cafe by a number of his friends. Father Robinson, who presided, spoke of Mr. Castles' sterling worth, his courage, and his energy, and declared that these fine qualities would surely secure for him some recognition in the great centres of Europe.

The death is reported of the Rev. James Vincent Grant, of Coburg, Victoria, who died suddenly after having taken a hot sea-bath. The obsequies took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 15, and were attended by his Grace the Archbishop and a large number of clergy. Father Grant was a native of Waterford, Ireland. He was ordained in All Hallows' College in 1880, and spent some 20 years in Victoria, with the exception of a few years in the United States. The scenes of his labors here were at West Melbourne, Williamstown, and Coburg.

The Rev. Father Dorrigan, of St. Mary's Church, South Brisbane, has left on a six months' holiday, during which he will visit Ireland. Prior to his departure he was the recipient of a substantial purse of sovereigns from his parishioners. Mr. Leane, in making the presentation, said that Father Dorrigan had been the first parish priest of St. Mary's, and although he had built both presbytery and church, he had done so without saddling them with a debt. He might mention that during the 1893 flood Father Dorrigan had provided for 300 people of all creeds and colors in the church, finding them food and bedding. He had also housed 32 in the presbytery.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- May 10, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday after Easter. St. Comgall, Abbot.
 „ 11, Monday.—St. Alexander I., Pope and Martyr.
 „ 12, Tuesday.—Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs.
 „ 13, Wednesday.—St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 14, Thursday.—St. Carthagh, Bishop and Confessor.
 „ 15, Friday.—St. Dymphna, Virgin and Martyr.
 „ 16, Saturday.—St. Brendan, Abbot.

St. Comgall, Abbot.

Comgall, the renowned abbot of Bangor, was of the family of Balaradia. The annals of Ulster assign the year 516 as that of his birth. After receiving instructions in various branches of learning from able masters, he was admitted into the monastery of Cloncagh in Leinster, over which St. Fintan presided. He remained there for several years with St. Fintan, who, at length, finding him fully qualified for the purpose, advised him to return to his own country and form some religious establishment. We are told that he spent some time in solitude and prayer in an island on Lough Erne, and that soon afterwards he founded the monastery of Bangor, now Bangor, near the town of Carrickfergus, about the year 559.

The fame of Bangor soon spread over Europe, and was much enhanced by the celebrated men educated there, particularly St. Columbanus. It is related in St. Comgall's life that in the seventh year after the founding of Bangor he went to Britain in order to visit some saints there. It is most likely that it was on this occasion he and St. Brendan, and others, paid a visit to St. Columbkille at Iona. While in Britain he is said to have established a monastery in that country. He is also said to have been the means of converting Bridens, King of the Northern Picts. After his return to Ireland he died in his abbey at Bangor, in the year 601, on the 10th May, after receiving the Holy Viaticum from St. Fiachra. St. Comgall was remarkable in his life, and holy in his death, and has justly been reckoned one of the Fathers of the Irish Church.

St. Carthagh, Bishop and Confessor.

Lismore Cathedral is said to have been founded by St. Carthagh (McCarthy) about the year 636, and was subsequently repaired and partly rebuilt in the year 1130 by Cormac, the son of Mauretus, King of Munster. We have but very imperfect accounts of this saint and his works.

When St. Carthagh founded the Cathedral of Lismore he also established an abbey of Canons Regular. These monks lived in the same manner as the Trappists at present, confining their diet to vegetables, which they raised with their own hands. When Carthagh was a youth, like David, he watched his father's flocks. His piety, gentleness, and grace attracted the notice of the prince of the province and his wife, who was daughter to the King of Munster, and they became very fond of the boy. While tending his herd one day a bishop and suite passed, chanting hymns. The boy was so captivated by this psalmody that he followed them to the gate of the convent, where they stopped, and passed the night outside listening to them. The prince, who loved the boy, sought him everywhere, and when he returned he asked him why he did not come as usual on the previous evening. 'My Lord,' he replied, 'I did not come because I was ravished by the divine song of the holy clergy; please heaven, lord duke, that I was with them, that I might learn to sing as they do.' The prince admitted him to his table, offered him a sword, buckler, lance, and other gifts to turn him from his purpose; but the boy refused them, saying 'that he wanted no gifts, he wanted but one thing, to chant hymns like the saints of God.' In the end he prevailed, and was sent to the bishop to be made a monk. St. Carthagh was the first abbot of Rathny, in Westmeath, which he founded, and in which he is said to have governed over 800 monks. About the year 631 he was driven from Rathny by King Blathmac. Afterwards he became Bishop of Lismore, where he built a cathedral and several schools. He did not survive his labors long, for he died in the year 638, full of the odor of virtue and sanctity.

St. Brendan, Abbot.

St. Brendan was a native of Ireland, and a disciple of St. Finian. Passing into England he established there two monasteries. On his return to Ireland he continued the same good work, and founded, among others, the famous abbey of Clonfert. He died in 578, in the 94th year of his age. According to a legend, accepted by some historians, St. Brendan voyaged to America, and landed in the neighborhood of the present State of Virginia.

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