

INTERCOLONIAL

Last year Victoria shipped over 6,000,000 frozen rabbits, worth about £200,000 to Great Britain, the local consumption being equal to another million.

To-day is the 21st anniversary of the Consecration of his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Dunne as Bishop of Brisbane, he having been consecrated bishop on 18th June, 1882.

A strong branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was opened recently in Dalby, Queensland. The formation of the branch is due, in a great measure, to the work of the Rev. Father Byrne.

The Rev. Father Costello, who for over 23 years was parish priest in the Charlton and Wychebrook districts, in the diocese of Ballarat, is leaving shortly for Ireland.

Rev. Father Placid Huault, S.M., Master of Novices at Meance Seminary, who is to take part in the excursion to the Pacific Islands, has a brother acting as curate in St. Patrick's parish, Sydney, and another is a missionary at Ba River, Fiji, all three being members of the Marist Society.

A new residence for the Christian Brothers, Balmain East, was opened by his Eminence Cardinal Moran on Sunday, May 31. There was a large number of parishioners present and a sum of £200 was subscribed towards the cost of the building.

Mr. John Byrne, of Goodna, Queensland, celebrated his 105th birthday on Wednesday of last week. The old gentleman, who enjoys excellent health, was born in the County Wicklow on the 10th June, 1798. Every Sunday Mr. Byrne takes up the offerings of the congregation at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Goodna.

On Saturday, May 30, his Lordship Bishop Torregiani celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in a very quiet manner. This course was adopted for the reason that the venerable prelate's silver episcopal jubilee will occur next March, when both anniversaries will be celebrated conjointly.

The Rev. Father Jos. Wheeler, O.M.I., who replaces Father Ryan at Fremantle, arrived in that city recently. Father Wheeler is a native of the diocese of Meath. In his youth he joined the Order of Oblates, and was ordained in 1887. His first mission was in Jaffna, Ceylon.

The Melbourne 'Tribune' says that the recent Federal Service examination was a severe blow to the Protestant League, which alleged, some time ago, that the Civil Service in Victoria is 'stuffed' with Catholics. The result of the examination showed that ability, not favoritism, is responsible for the positions attained by Catholics, as out of 20 selected for vacancies 12 are pupils or ex-pupils of Catholic schools or colleges. The 'dux' of the group is a youth of 18 years—Henry Corder—an ex-pupil of St. Patrick's College, Melbourne.

The results of the Federal Public Service tests (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal') are highly creditable to the Catholic colleges and schools of Victoria—to masters and students. A St. Patrick's College (Jesuits) boy, Henry Corder, tops the list in the order of merit (clerical division). Leo J. McNamara and J. A. Carrodus, from the same Alma Mater, also secured places in the first 20. The only successful candidate in the Ballarat centre is O. J. Daly from the local Christian Brothers' College.

A splendid example of generosity in the cause of religion (writes a Melbourne correspondent) was afforded in connection with the opening of the fine Church of the Sacred Heart (Morwell). The preacher could not find words strong enough to eulogise the Irish farmers' munificent generosity. It has been said more than once that the Irish are a nation of church-builders. They are true to their best traditions in even the remote country towns. Towards the Morwell Church Mrs. Fitzpatrick and family gave £1000; another family provided its stained-glass windows; £60 was given by Mr. M. Cummins for the Tumar church. The handsome Stations of the Cross were presented by 11 residents.

Catholics throughout New South Wales (says the 'Catholic Press') will be sorry to hear that the Rev. A. B. Davis, Chief Rabbi, has been obliged to resign on account of ill-health. Mr. Davis has been connected with the Sydney Synagogue for 41 years. It is understood that he now retires on a handsome pension, which is provided by the Synagogue. During his long term of office Rabbi Davis has counted many prominent Catholics amongst his personal friends. He was on terms of friendship with Archbishop Polding and Archbishop Vaughan, and on several occasions he has been brought in touch with the Cardinal-Archbishop of Sydney. When the fair of 'Ye Olden Time' was held in 1882 in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Rabbi's daughters, with several other Jewish ladies, assisted, and at the various bazaars and entertainments in aid of St. Vincent's Hospital Rabbi Davis has manifested sympathy by his presence and his purse. At the memorable conversation in honor of the Cardinal and the visiting prelates from all parts of Australasia, which was held at the Town Hall in 1895 (during the Plenary Council), the Rabbi who was unable to attend, was represented by Assistant-Rabbi Landau.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- June 21, Sunday.—Third Sunday after Pentecost. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.
 .. 22, Monday.—Blessed Innocent V., Pope and Confessor.
 .. 23, Tuesday.—St. Ferdinand, King and Confessor.
 .. 24, Wednesday.—St. John the Baptist.
 .. 25, Thursday.—St. Gallicanus, Martyr.
 .. 26, Friday.—Saints John and Paul, Martyrs.
 .. 27, Saturday.—St. William, Abbot.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga was born at Castiglione, Lombardy, in 1568, and died at Rome in 1591. He was the son of Ferdinand of Gonzaga, Marquis of Castiglione, prince of the Holy Roman Empire, and was page at the Court of Philip II. He entered the novitiate of the Jesuits (1587), at Rome; died of a slow fever contracted in taking care of those afflicted with the disease. He was canonised by Benedict XIII., in 1726. He is the patron saint of youth. In 1858 Pope Pius IX. made a present to the Society of Jesus of a writing of St. Aloysius; it is a treatise on scholastic theology.

Blessed Innocent V., Pope and Confessor.

Blessed Innocent V. was a native of France, and was for a time Archbishop of Lyons. During his episcopate his virtues not only won for him the esteem of his own flock, but also excited the admiration of the faithful in distant countries. As a consequence his election to the Papacy in 1276 raised the hopes of all who desired the advancement of religion, but these hopes were destined to be blighted by his death five months after his election.

St. Ferdinand, Confessor.

St. Ferdinand, King of Castile and Leon, was, during his reign of 35 years, engaged in a continuous warfare against the Moorish invaders of Spain. He at all times showed himself a just king and a Christian soldier, displaying a high degree of sanctity. His death took place in 1252.

St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah, was born six months before Jesus Christ, and was the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Thirty years had elapsed from the birth of our Lord, when he appeared on the banks of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. He was the last representative of the Prophets of the Old Covenant; his work was to announce the way for, and to prepare the advent of the promised Messiah. Such was the fame and authority of John, whom the Lord Himself declared the 'greatest of those born of women,' that it led men to suspect that he himself might be the Messiah. But John openly confessed that he was not the Christ, and announced the approach of 'one mightier than himself, who would baptise with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and the latchet of whose shoes he was not worthy to loose' (Luke iii. 16). It was by the testimony of John that the Divine mission of Jesus was authenticated as at the baptism of Jesus, the holy precursor received the miraculous token that Jesus was, indeed, the anointed of God. John was at length put to death by the order of Herod, at the instigation of Herodias, whose licentiousness he had the boldness to reprove.

St. Gallicanus, Martyr.

St. Gallicanus, a Roman officer of high rank, resigned his position in order to devote himself to the service of the sick poor. He received the crown of martyrdom at Alexandria, in Egypt, during the reign of Julian the Apostate, about 362.

Saints John and Paul, Martyrs.

Saints John and Paul were two Roman officers who were martyred during the reign of Julian the Apostate. Their names have always been famous in the Church, but only scanty records have been preserved of their lives and sufferings.

St. William, Abbot.

St. William, a native of Northern Italy, inspired with the desire of leading a penitential life, retired to a lonely spot named Monte Vergine, near Benevento. Having been followed by many persons desirous to place their souls under his guidance, he established a religious congregation which was afterwards united to the Benedictine Order. St. William died in 1142.

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