

INTERCOLONIAL

On the occasion of his first episcopal visit to Tamworth, the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Coadjutor-Bishop of Armidale, was entertained at a public banquet.

There is a water famine at Broken Hill where 5000 men are idle. Including the smelting works and shipping interests in South Australia, 40,000 people are directly affected.

His Grace Archbishop Kelly, on June 6, paid an episcopal visitation to Parramatta North, and on the following Tuesday opened a mission in the Parramatta Gaol which extended over the following day.

A meeting held in Narrabri for the purpose of taking steps to recognise the Rev. Father Hearn's services to the district, prior to his departure for Tenterfield, was attended by representatives of all classes in the community, including Rev. Canon King (Anglican), and Rev. W. Taylor (Presbyterian).

The Corpus Christi procession, which for the last 30 years has been held annually at Villa Maria, Sydney, took place on Sunday, June 14. It was very largely attended by all the Catholic societies, and was witnessed by a large number of persons.

The Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., of the diocese of Auckland, who accompanied the remains of his brother-in-law (the late Hon. John Toohey) from New Zealand to Sydney (says the 'Freeman's Journal') is availing himself of the change to rest and recuperate. Prior to his leaving for Sydney Dr. Egan was prostrated with influenza, from the effects of which he is still suffering.

His Lordship Dr. Reville, Bishop of Sandhurst, who is on tour in Europe in company with Archdeacon Davey, of Benalla, has written from Rome intimating that he had had an audience with the Pope, and was about to proceed to the Homburg Mineral Springs, where he intended to stay for three weeks and then leave for Ireland.

As reported in our last issue, Mr. Joseph Winter, of the Melbourne 'Advocate,' is proceeding on a health trip to China and Japan, and is accompanied by his brother, Mr. S. Winter, of the Melbourne 'Herald.' Prior to leaving the Victorian capital Mr. Joseph Winter was entertained at an impromptu valedictory in the Celtic Club. A number of Irish-Australians were present, and the Hon. J. G. Duffy proposed 'Bon voyage' to Mr. Winter, a sentiment that was enthusiastically honored. The trip will extend over three months.

Mr. Justice Hood, in sentencing a boy for an assault on a girl at Melbourne last week, said that his experience in these cases was rapidly forcing him to the opinion that a class of youths and people was growing up there the members of which were little better than savages, as far as sexual relations were concerned. The girls had neither virtue nor modesty, the boys neither honor nor honesty, and they apparently feared neither the laws of God nor of man.

The Rev. M. Barrett, pastor of Smythesdale, in the Ballarat diocese, recently delivered, at Pittfield, a sermon on Socialism that was marked by splendid good sense and indicated a thorough grasp of his subject. The occasion which led to the discourse on the subject was the formation of a branch of the Social Democratic League in his mission. Father Barrett followed on the lines of the present illustrious Pontiff's encyclical on labor and made a telling case against the dangerous elements with which the Socialist party are endeavoring to infect the labor movement in Victoria. The sermon was published in full, and in a prominent position, in the 'Ballarat Star.'

A presentation was made the other day at St. Athanasius' school hall, Manly, to the Rev. T. Haydon, Professor at St. Patrick's College. The school hall was crowded with representatives of all denominations. An illuminated address, signed on behalf of the parishioners by Messrs H. B. Brewer, E. H. Millet, R. F. Quinn, F. J. Morgan, and J. J. Moloney, was presented, together with a purse of £71 10s. Mr. H. B. Brewer, in making the presentation, spoke concerning the recipient's work and worth, and Mr. E. W. Quirk M.L.A. also bore testimony to the great interest taken by Father Haydon in all social and charitable undertakings. Another address was tendered by the school children accompanied by a solid silver toilet set.

By the demise, on June 8, of Sister Mary Scholastica the Benedictine Convent of Subiaco, Parramatta (says the 'Freeman's Journal'), loses one of the pioneer members of its community, and the country a link between now and the historic past. The deceased nun was a daughter of the late Judge Sir Roger Therry (who has left his impressions of the old system after a long residence in Australia). Sir Roger retired from the New South Wales Supreme Court Bench in 1859, and died in May 1874, being survived only 10 days by his wife. Sister M. Scholastica, who had attained the 69th year of her age, was for 43 years a Benedictine nun at Subiaco. For several years past she had been in delicate health. On the morning of Monday, 8th ult., it was evident that the end was near, and the venerable religious received the last Sacraments from the hands of the convent chaplain, the Rev. P. Kerwick, and on the same day she passed to her eternal reward—her death being peaceful and happy, as had been her life.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- July 5, Sunday.—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Precious Blood.
 „ 6, Monday.—Octave of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.
 „ 7, Tuesday.—St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 8, Wednesday.—St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 9, Thursday.—Prodigies of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 10, Friday.—Feast of the Seven Brothers, Martyrs.
 „ 11, Saturday.—St. Pius I., Pope and Martyr.

St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

St. Benedict XI. was an Italian by birth, and occupied the Papal throne for about a year. He annulled the Bulls of Boniface VIII. against Philip the Fair of France.

St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Kilian was an Irish bishop who was martyred at Wurzburg. 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 Wurzburg. 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, 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 Marcellus, 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.

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