

INTERCOLONIAL

Six Marist Brothers arrived in Melbourne the other day from France on their way to Sydney.

The Very Rev. Father M. D'Arcy, P.P., Braidwood, has been appointed Archdeacon of the archdiocese of Sydney in place of the late Monsignor Rigney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, Candelo, New South Wales, have just celebrated the 61st anniversary of their wedding, being 82 and 80 years of age respectively.

Dr. Keogh, of Melbourne, alighted from a moving train at Culcairn and fell between the carriage and the platform. The wheel of the car passed over portion of his right foot, the forepart of which it was found necessary to amputate.

The following priests, amongst others, have taken a trip to the South Sea Islands.—Very Rev. M. Carey, P.P. (West Melbourne), Rev. E. O'Brien, P.P. (Collingwood), Rev. J. McCarthy (Clifton Hill), Rev. L. Martin (the Cathedral), Rev. M. Roche (Sale).

Visitors to Bathurst (writes a correspondent) have always been struck by the stately pile of buildings belonging to the Catholic community. Very rapidly another fine building is showing out in the shape of the Bishop's palace. The brick work is nearing completion of what gives promise of being a home worthy of a bishop. A short time ago the ladies, who generally take up any worthy cause, met together for the purpose of devising means of helping to pay for the building. A bazaar was decided upon, and a grand art union of valuable prizes. These events will not take place until the end of the year.

The following students of St. John's College, Sydney, have this year passed their final examinations:—T. J. Lehane, LL.B.; Henry P. Blaney, M.D., Ch., M.; William H. Elworthy, M.B., Ch., M.; C. B. L. Fitzpatrick, M.B., Ch., M. This is a notable record for a single year at St. John's College, of which the Rector (Monsignor O'Brien, D.D.) should be no more gratified than the Catholic community, whose credit this college so well maintains. Of the three young gentlemen who have been thus added to the medical profession (says the 'Freeman's Journal') the two first-named are from Queensland. Dr. Blaney, it is needless to remark, has won distinction not only in a brilliant medical course, but also on the Sydney football field, where he is facile princeps at his especial post. Dr. Fitzpatrick is a son of Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, M.L.A. for Murrumbidgee.

At a meeting at the Pro-Cathedral at Broken Hill, it was decided that the erection of the new Cathedral should be started as soon as possible, and that tenders be called as soon as the water famine has ceased. Bishop Dunne stated that the net financial result of the fancy fair would be upwards of £300, which would practically clear off the debt on the Pro-Cathedral and the North Broken Hill school church. After much consideration, it has been decided to at once initiate the movement for the erection of a church that would be worthy to serve the city and be the Pro-Cathedral of the diocese. The plans of a very handsome church, to be built of brick and stone, on a site generously given by the Sisters of Mercy, are now ready. The church, which will have its frontage to Lane street, will consist of nave, sanctuary, nuns' chapel, and tower, and will seat about 1000 people, and will be a decided addition to the architecture of the city.

At the laying of a foundation-stone of a new convent in Melbourne the other day his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Carrisaid that 'one of the first things by which he was impressed when he first came to the country was the good feeling on occasions of that kind, when all sections went in harmony and peace, and with that tolerance towards each other which was fast replacing the prejudices of the past. Such had always been his experience in the country, and his only wish, so far as he was concerned, was that a still greater advance towards mutual tolerance and peace should be made in the Christian community. He did not care to what religion a man belonged. That was a matter between himself and Almighty God. So long as men met their fellow-men in a tolerant spirit, there was peace and harmony amongst the creatures God had made and designed to serve Him, and this was the teaching of the Catholic Church.' (The man who approached his fellows in a narrow-minded or intolerant spirit was not a Catholic, because one of the primary lessons of Catholicity was to love one's neighbor as one's self, even those who differed from them in religion. It had always been his aim to foster a better feeling between Catholics and non-Catholics, and he would be unworthy of the position he filled did he not endeavor to do so.)

A single trial of MOUNTAIN KING ASTHMA POWDER will convince the most sceptical of its efficacy.—***

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 26, Sunday.—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 27, Monday.—St. Veronica Juliana, Virgin.
 „ 28, Tuesday.—St. Victor I., Pope and Martyr; St. Innocent I., Pope and Confessor; Sts. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs.
 „ 29, Wednesday.—St. Felix II., Pope and Martyr.
 „ 30, Thursday.—St. Martha, Virgin.
 „ 31, Friday.—St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor.
 August 1, Saturday.—St. Peter's Chains.

St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

According to old traditions, the saintly Mother of the Blessed Virgin, whose name, Anne, signifies grace, was descended, on her father's side from the tribe of Levi, and on her mother's side from the tribe of Juda. She was born in Bethlehem and was married, while still a pure and pious virgin, to Joachim, a man of position, with whom she lived, occupied in pious works, and patiently conforming to the will of God in all things. When the pious couple had reached a very advanced age, in which they could scarcely expect to have children, an angel announced to them that they were to be blessed with a daughter whom they were to name Mary. And it occurred as foretold. In the autumn (September 8th) following the announcement was born the holiest of God's creatures, the Queen of angels and of men, the Mother of the Son of God, not so much the fruit of the body as she was the fruit of grace. Joachim and Anne brought this child Mary, at a very tender age, to Jerusalem, presenting her to the High Priest as an offering to God, to be brought up in the service of the temple. How long Anne lived after this sacrifice is not known, but she is now enthroned among the elect in heaven with her beloved child in glory. The devotion towards St. Anne is very great among the faithful. Her remains, first buried at Bethlehem, in the tomb of her parents, then transferred by the faithful into the Church of the Sepulchre of Notre Dame, in the Valley of Josaphat, were, finally, transferred into the Church of Apt, in Provence.

St. Veronica Juliana, Virgin.

St. Veronica was a native of Mercatelli, a town in Italy. Having become a nun, she led during fifty years a life of extraordinary mortification and perfect obedience. She died in 1727.

St. Victor I., Pope and Martyr.

St. Victor I. was Pope from 192 to 201. He was a native of Africa, and exerted his zeal particularly in the controversy relating to the celebration of Easter. For the settling of this question he held a Synod at Rome, and called upon the bishops everywhere to meet in councils for the same purpose. He excommunicated Theodotus of Byzantium, and decided that common water might, in case of necessity, be used in baptism.

St. Innocent I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Innocent I. occupied the Papal Chair from 402 to 417. He warmly espoused the cause of St. John Chrysostom, who had been unjustly deposed and exiled. To save Rome from being sacked, he urged Emperor Honorius to treat for peace with Alaric. Innocent condemned the heresy of Pelagius.

St. Felix II., Pope and Martyr.

St. Felix was Supreme Pontiff about the middle of the fourth century. No records of his life are extant.

St. Martha, Virgin.

St. Martha was a sister of Lazarus, whom Our Lord raised from the dead. During the great persecution of the Church at Jerusalem, Martha, Lazarus, Mary Magdalen, and other Christians were placed on a vessel without sails, rudder, pilot, or provisions, so that they might perish in the midst of the sea. The vessel landed at Marseilles. St. Martha having converted the inhabitants of the city of Tarascon, lived there until her death in A.D. 81. She was buried in the actual crypt of the Church of St. Martha. She is the patron saint of Tarascon.

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