

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev. Father O'Mahoney, of Launceston, obtained permission from the health officer to be quarantined with the small-pox patients in order to administer to the sufferers the consolations of religion.

Elgar's 'Dream of Gerontius' has been in rehearsal for some time past at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, under the direction of Mr. J. A. Delany. The performance, it has just been decided, will not take place until the return of Cardinal Moran from Rome.

It is understood that the Rev. Father Magennis, O.C.C., will succeed the Rev. Prior Kelly as head of the Carmelite Order in Melbourne. Prior Kelly has been head of the Order since Prior Butler left Melbourne some years ago, and he will leave Australia shortly.

A recent clerical visitor to Sydney is the Rev. Father Connelly, O.S.B., who has come from London to see his mother, who is advanced in years. At present Father Connelly is staying with his uncle, the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., at Mary's street, Hunter's Hill. Father Connelly is a brother of Mr. Frank Connelly, solicitor, Sydney.

The Very Rev. Dean Phelan, of Melbourne, is suffering from an attack of erysipelas. The disease developed with alarming rapidity, and it was found necessary to operate on the leg. Dr. Symes performed the operation, and Dr. McInerney administered the chloroform, while Dr. A. L. Kenny assisted. The medical gentlemen are thoroughly satisfied with the progress made by the injured limb. They expect that in the course of a week the Very Rev. Dean will be in the first stages of convalescence.

The Rev. Father E. S. Gleeson, of Newcastle, New South Wales, is seriously ill. Whilst making arrangements for the Requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Pope, he had a sudden attack, and on medical assistance arriving it was deemed necessary to remove him to the hospital, where an operation was performed. His condition was so serious that the last Sacraments were administered. According to latest accounts his condition is very low, but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Archbishop of Adelaide, Dr. O'Reilly, has issued to the clergy of his archdiocese the eighth report on its liabilities. He points out that in 1895 the responsibilities to the various creditors amounted to £56,968. During the eight years that have elapsed no less than £42,289 have been paid off the capital account, while the interest and other accruing charges have been met in full. During the eight years the receipts, irrespective of the funds collected for the support of the clergy and of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods, have amounted to £164,201, those of the past year being £21,322. Large new liabilities, however, have been created for churches, schools, and institutions in all parts of the State, and these now amount to £37,955. The net debt now stands at £52,631.

Mr. Humphrey Page, once an Indian judge and now a well-known Tasmanian, lectured in Hobart a few weeks ago on his recent visit to Rome. Concluding, he said: 'A few days after the interview with the Pope I carried a letter from my friend the Archbishop of Calcutta to the Secretary of State, Cardinal Rampolla, whose name is so much in men's minds just now, a distinguished-looking man, conspicuous everywhere by his look of imperious strength. He knew my name, and said at once, "I have good news for you; the Holy Father has commissioned me to inform you that he has conferred upon you the Cross of a Knight of St. Gregory. I congratulate you, M. le Chevalier." In due course the Pope's brief and the Cross were sent me, and I am proud of the distinction.' Mr. Page is a convert.

A venerable Brother of that devoted band known as the Coadjutor-Brothers of the Society of Mary (says the 'Freeman's Journal') passed to his reward at the Villa Maria, the French mission house of the Marist Fathers, on Wednesday, July 22. Brother Florentine, erstwhile the companion of Blessed Peter Chanel in the Pacific Islands, was well known to the past generation in Meane, in the Hawke's Bay district of New Zealand, where he rendered yeoman service to the early missionaries of his Order. The late Brother was in his 94th year, and in his case it might, with a real approach to truth, be said that he dies in harness. He had scarcely known in his long life a day's illness, but on July 21 he complained of feeling unwell. In the morning he had taken his usual weekly turn at seven o'clock at serving Mass in the Villa Maria Church. He died at four o'clock on Wednesday morning. In his 13th year the late Brother Florentine joined the Society of Mary; his religious life, therefore, represented the grand total of 80 years.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 16, Sunday.—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. St. Joachim, father of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 17, Monday.—Octave of the Feast of St. Lawrence.
 „ 18, Tuesday.—St. Hyacinth, Confessor.
 „ 19, Wednesday.—St. Urban II., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 20, Thursday.—St. Bernard, Confessor and Doctor.
 „ 21, Friday.—St. Frances de Chantal, Widow.
 „ 22, Saturday.—Octave of the Assumption.

St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Fathers of the Church unite in extolling the sanctity of St. Joachim and St. Anne, whose privilege it was to be the parents of the Most Pure Mother of God.

St. Hyacinth, Confessor.

St. Hyacinth, a Polish Dominican, and apostle of Northern Europe, was born in the Castle of Sassi (Siberia), and died at Cracow. He received at Rome the religious habit from the hand of St. Dominic, who appointed him Superior of the mission established in Poland, founded a monastery of Dominicans at Cracow (1217), and several others in the principal cities of Poland. He made numerous conversions all over northern Europe, and preached the Gospel to the Tartars.

St. Urban II., Pope and Confessor.

St. Urban was born near Rheims, in France. Having been elected Pope in 1088, he employed all his energies in putting an end to the unwarranted interference of the civil power in purely ecclesiastical affairs, and securing for the Church that liberty of action which was required for the efficient discharge of her divinely appointed duties. To the wisdom and zeal of St. Urban was due the initiation of those expeditions for the recovery of the Holy Sepulchre, which are known as the Crusades. St. Urban died in 1099 in the twelfth year of his pontificate.

St. Bernard, Confessor and Doctor.

St. Bernard, the glory of Christendom during the twelfth century, was born at Dijon, in France, A.D. 1091. On the death of his pious mother, in 1110, he retired, with some thirty companions, into the solitude of a Cistercian monastery. He there gave a perfect example of the virtues proper to the monastic state, while at the same time, on occasions when duty called him, his intervention in public affairs was attended with the happiest results. He so ably defended Catholic doctrine with his voice and pen that his efforts in this direction have earned for him the title of Doctor. St. Bernard died in 1153.

St. Frances de Chantal, Widow.

This saint was born at Dijon in 1573. She was married at the age of 20 to the Baron de Chantal, but eight years later had the misfortune to lose her husband through an accident. Having completed the education of her children, she founded, under the direction of St. Francis de Sales, and with the co-operation of some other ladies of rank, the religious Order of the Visitation. She died in 1641.

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