

INTERCOLONIAL

The 'Freeman's Journal' understands that the Rev. Father Fitzgerald, O.F.M. (Waverley), has been recalled to the headquarters of the Franciscan Order in Ireland.

The gross receipts of the opening night of Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, totalled £723 10s, which Mr. Williamson distributed among city charities. To the Society of St. Vincent de Paul he gave £50; to St. Margaret's Maternity Hospital, £25; to the Foundling Hospital Waitara, £25; and to the Hospice for the Dying (St. Vincent's) £25.

The contract for the building of the convent and asylum of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (W.A.), on the site so generously provided by his Lordship the Bishop for the purpose at Subiaco has been signed—the amount being £10,000. A day for laying the foundation stone will be appointed at an early date. The works are expected to be completed in some eight or ten months.

Referring to the election of Cardinal Sarto as Pope, the Rev. G. Doyle, of St. Arnaud (Victoria), mentioned a peculiar fact to his congregation. He said he had secured photographs of the Cardinals and placed them before the children attending the Catholic school, and nine out of every ten selected Cardinal Sarto on his appearance. The children had selected their Pope even before the Conclave had made known its decision.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran arrived in Rome in the early part of last week and had later on a private audience with the Holy Father, who thanked the Cardinal for his congratulations and gave him the apostolic blessing for the Catholics of Australasia. Cardinal Moran will leave for Sydney about the end of the current month.

The friends of the Rev. G. A. Robinson, at present touring America (says the Melbourne 'Tribune') will be pleased to learn that the rev. gentleman's health has considerably improved since leaving Victoria. Father Robinson is an ardent musician and classical scholar, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts of the Royal University of Ireland and the University of Melbourne.

The 'Monitor' reports that the Rev. Father Mahony is still in quarantine with Dr. Wilson, and will remain there until the end of the smallpox epidemic. He makes daily visits to the Verulam Hospital. Although he may receive letters, etc., he is not allowed, according to quarantine regulations, to write in reply to same, all outward communications having to be made per telephone.

On Sunday, August 16, the foundation stone of St. Patrick's presbytery, Ballarat, was laid by the Right Rev. Dr. Moore. His Lordship was present at the three Masses in the Cathedral, and after an eloquent sermon at the 11 o'clock Mass, on the festival of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, made a strong appeal for the building fund of the presbytery. The Bishop said the presbytery would be worthy of the city of Ballarat and the Catholic body, and would, in every case, be suited to the requirements of the Church, and in keeping with the Cathedral and beautiful hall. After the powerful appeal of the Bishop, the sum of £2510 was handed in as a result of the day's collection, which, with the £2000 already in hand, will leave very little more to be paid on the new building.

At a recent meeting of the Archdeacon Slattery memorial committee (Geelong) seven tenders were submitted for the erection of the mortuary chapel in the Eastern Cemetery. The committee accepted the tender of Neville and Kelly at £622. The hon. collectors handed in a number of donations to the fund, bringing up the amount in hand to over £300. With contributions yet to be received from several Catholic societies the committee is assured of over £400, but it was pointed out at the meeting that this falls short of the amount required. The hope was expressed that the admirers of the late Archdeacon who had not yet subscribed to the fund would do so without further delay, in order that the committee may be in a position to pay for the chapel on its completion.

The Queensland correspondent of the 'Catholic Press' reports the death of the Hon. William Grene Power, M.L.C., of Sylvan Park, Nundah. The deceased gentleman had been in poor health for a few weeks past, and in consequence could not attend the sitting of Parliament. Still the end came unexpectedly, and must have caused a severe shock to the family. The late Mr. Power was a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, where he was born in 1835. He received a good education, and came to Victoria in 1857. He was elected Mayor of Jamieson in 1866, and seven years later came to Queensland. Called to the Upper House in 1883, Mr. Power took a deep interest in all the industries of the State, and his death creates a gap in the front rank of its most intelligent legislators.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- September 6, Sunday.—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Rumold, Martyr.
 „ 7, Monday.—St. Eugenius III., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 8, Tuesday.—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 9, Wednesday.—St. Kieran, Abbot.
 „ 10, Thursday.—St. Hilary, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 11, Friday.—St. Nicholas, of Tolentino, Confessor.
 „ 12, Saturday.—St. Rose, of Lima, Virgin.

St. Eugenius III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Eugenius III. was Pope from 1145 to 1153. Owing to the disturbed state of Rome, Eugenius III. was consecrated in the monastery of Farfa, and took up his temporary abode at Viterbo. He excommunicated the patrician Jordanes, and finally succeeded in re-establishing his authority in Rome. This Pope commissioned St. Bernard to preach the Second Crusade. It was to Pope Eugenius III. that St. Bernard addressed his 'De Consideratione,' in which he stated without disguise what were the duties of chief pastor, and urged the necessities of reform.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8. This festival was appointed by Pope Innocent XI., that the faithful may be called upon in a particular manner to recommend to God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, the necessities of His Church, and to return to Him thanks for His gracious protection and numberless mercies. What gave occasion to the institution of this feast was a solemn thanksgiving for the relief of Vienna when it was besieged by Turks in 1683.

St. Hilary, Pope and Confessor.

St. Hilary, the successor of St. Leo, was born at Sardina, and was Pope from 461 to 467. He was the defender of Bishop Flavian against the Eutychians in the Second Council of Ephesus in 449.

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin.

St. Rose, who was a religious of the Third Order of St. Dominic, was born at Lima, Peru, South America. She is the patron saint of her native city, and was the first saint of South America.

The branch of Church work in this State (writes a West Australian correspondent of the 'Southern Cross') that has, next to higher education, won the most conspicuous success, has been the establishment of homes for neglected children. There are three reformatories built and controlled by the Church, situated at Subiaco, Glenaugh, and Clontarf. The latest report of the Government superintendent of such institutions, shows that the Catholic Church has 190 children under her charge, the Anglican 126, and the Salvationists and the State school 65 each. It will be seen from these figures that the Catholic orphanages have the care of a far greater number of children than those of any other denomination. The figures are from Government sources and are taken chiefly from the records and commitments to the schools as neglected children by the magistrates. In addition to this there are a number in charge of the nuns or Brothers placed there at the request of persons who cannot provide home comforts for a family, as in the case of a widower, for instance. These cannot, strictly speaking, count as neglected children, and are probably not included in the Government returns. In the reports of periodical visits by inspectors, the Church establishments are invariably quoted as examples of good order and management.

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