

## INTERCOLONIAL

A fine monastery has just been completed by Messrs. Cavanagh Brothers (architects) for the Redemptorist Fathers at North Perth (W.A.).

A few Sundays ago the Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Lismore, inducted the Rev. J. Dalton as parish priest of the Tweed. His Lordship subsequently laid the foundation stone of the convent, the collection at which amounted to £244.

Dr. Lowther Clarke, the new Anglican Bishop of Melbourne, was in Sydney recently, and in a 'Telegraph' interview he said: 'I feel that all honor and credit are due to the Catholics throughout Victoria, who have so tenaciously and persistently maintained their own schools at very great cost to themselves.'

During the past year the railways of New South Wales carried over 32,000,000 passengers, without a single death caused by default of the railways. Even counting two fatal accidents through no fault of the department, the record is one death to 16,000,000 passengers carried.

In former notes (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal') reference was made to the fact that the F. C. J. Convent, Kew, had been made a 'local centre' in connection with the Oxford Exams. The announcement has already resulted in the nomination of entries from 15 different ladies' schools. An application has also been made to Oxford from Ballarat for a 'local centre' to be established in that city, and the delegates at Oxford have replied by cable that this can be done on the same terms as for the present Melbourne centre at Kew, viz., that a local committee shall guarantee the payment of 25 entrance fees of £1, or of £25 in all. Loretto Abbey, Mary's Mount, Ballarat, will probably be the 'local centre' for Ballarat.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Catholics was held in Goulburn recently for the purpose of organising a reception to Bishop Gallagher on his return from Europe. Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan (Adm.) presided and addressed the meeting, pointing out the desire of clergy and laity to give a hearty welcome to their esteemed Bishop on his home-coming. Very Rev. M. Slattery, V.G., of Wagga Wagga, spoke affectionately of the Bishop, who had been his fellow-student at College, and a fellow-worker in Australia since they first arrived in Goulburn, 33 years ago. Very Rev. Dean O'Keefe, of Yass, desired that the welcome should take the form of an address and purse of sovereigns from all parts of the diocese, the clergy and laity of each district to work in their own parishes, and all to unite their congratulations and contributions, to be presented to the Bishop in his Cathedral at Goulburn. Captain C. J. M'Shane moved, and it was agreed, that an address and purse of sovereigns, the aggregate collections of all the parishes of the Goulburn diocese, be presented to the Bishop in the Cathedral on his return. A subscription list was then opened, and promises given, Very Rev. M. Slattery heading the list with £25. Very Rev. the Dean promised £10 10s.

One of the most notable figures in the early history of Melbourne's ecclesiastical circles was the late Monsignor O'Hea, who, for 40 years (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the 'Freeman's Journal'), was pastor of Coburg and chaplain to the Pentridge Stockade, whose frowning walls are only separated from St. Paul's Church by a roadway. Like the late Dean Backhaus, of Bendigo, Monsignor O'Hea accumulated a considerable fortune in real estate. It is explained, however, that he acquired landed property through the outburst of the gold fever. Coburg is surrounded by a fairly good agricultural district, and the pioneer Irishmen yeomen were not slow to take up allotments, which they asked their pastor to take over, and with the money so obtained they either went in search of the precious metal or started storekeeping—a very lucrative business at that time. As a matter of fact the venerable priest possessed but a modest sum in personal property. True, he enjoyed an annuity of £1000 a year, which, of course, expired at his death. He gave generously to works of charity, religion, and education, and his benefactions were unknown to the public at large. It is only now, that people are learning of some of his acts of munificence. For instance, he gave £1500 to the building fund of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and £500 to the presbytery, Coburg. The obsequies of the late Monsignor O'Hea were attended by a large congregation, and between 30 and 40 priests from the city, the suburbs, and the country. His Grace the Archbishop presided at the solemn Dirge and Requiem High Mass, which was sung by the Ven. Archpriest McKenna, P.P., V.G. (Geelong). The Archbishop delivered a short panegyric, in the course of which he eulogised the deceased priest for his nobility of life and his charitable benefactions.

## Friends at Court

### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- September 27, Sunday.—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemoration of all the canonised Roman Pontiffs.
- " 28, Monday.—St. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr.
- " 29, Tuesday.—Dedication of the Basilica of St. Michael, Archangel.
- " 30, Wednesday.—St. Jerome, Confessor and Doctor.
- October 1, Thursday.—St. Gregory, Bishop and Martyr.
- " 2, Friday.—The Holy Guardian Angels.
- " 3, Saturday.—St. Adrian III., Pope and Confessor.

Commemoration of All the Canonised Roman Pontiffs.

In this feast we commemorate the virtues of those saintly men who, called by God to govern His Church upon earth, have lived lives in keeping with their exalted office.

St. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr.

St. Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, was remarkable for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. His zeal for the propagation of the true Faith led to his death at the hands of his brother, A.D. 982.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Michael, Archangel.

The dedication of the famous Church of St. Michael, on Monte Gargano, in Italy, gave occasion to the present feast; but the Church also proposes to our devotion on this day the veneration of all the angels. To-day, therefore, we are called upon to give thanks to God for the glory and happiness which the angels enjoy, and to join with them in adoring, blessing, and praising Him.

St. Jerome, Confessor and Doctor.

St. Jerome was born at Stridon, in Dalmatia, in 310. His youth was passed in Rome, whither he was sent to complete his studies under Aelius Donatus, a celebrated grammarian. His thirst for knowledge caused him to visit foreign cities, among others Treves, where he transcribed for his friend Rufinus a commentary on the Psalms and a treatise on Synods by St. Hilary. In company with several friends, Jerome, in 372, set out for the East, travelling through Asia Minor to Antioch. Here he attended the Biblical lectures of Apollinaris, the future heresiarch. He afterwards withdrew into the Syrian desert of Chalcis, where, for four years, he led a solitary life, learning at the same time from a converted Jew the rudiments of the Hebrew language. While living in the desert he wrote the life of St. Paul, the first hermit, and his dialogue against the Luciferian Schismatics. The Meletian schism caused him to return to Antioch, where he was ordained priest in 379. In 381 Jerome went to Constantinople to study the Holy Scriptures under St. Gregory Nazianzen, and thence returned to Rome. He was the intimate friend of Pope Damasus, who appointed him his secretary. At the Pope's request, Jerome began his revision of the old Latin, or Italic version of the Bible. After the death of Damasus he set out again for Palestine, where he founded and superintended several monasteries until his death, which occurred at Bethlehem in 420. He was buried amid the ruins of one of his monasteries, which had been destroyed by the partisans of Pelagius. St. Jerome, who is called by the Church 'the greatest doctor raised by the Divine hand to interpret the Sacred Scriptures,' was the author of the Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Of all his writings this is the most useful and most widely known.

St. Gregory, Bishop and Martyr

St. Gregory, Apostle of the Armenians, was born about 257 at Valarshabad, in the province of Ararat, Armenia, and educated at Caesarea, Cappadocia. In 302 he baptised King Tiridates, and, with the aid of Greek priests, propagated the faith throughout the whole country of Armenia. Having been consecrated bishop by Leontius, Archbishop of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, and constituted Metropolitan of Armenia, he ordained a great number of bishops (it is said about 400) for the converted nation. He left the Church of Armenia in a flourishing condition when he died, in 332.

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