

Intercolonial

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, whilst in Sydney on his way to Europe, was the guest of his Excellency the State Governor at Government House, Rose Bay.

In connection with the completion of St. Mary's Cathedral, his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney has issued a Pastoral Letter, in the course of which he says: 'We ourselves are already pledged to offer all that may be spared from other works of religion and charity. Here, then, is our forecast as to funds: If £10,000 be forthcoming each year from our 140,000 diocesan contributors, in five years we shall have our St. Mary's complete from foundation to roof (thank God, in the original design uncurtailed), and, moreover, all paid for.'

Prior Spence, the Superior of the Dominican Order in Adelaide, has been the recipient of numerous congratulations on his appointment as Coadjutor-Archbishop to his Grace Archbishop O'Reilly. Amongst the expressions of pleasure received have been those of the Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice Way, who was a resident for some years in Adelaide, and was intimately acquainted with the Prior. The Coadjutor-Archbishop-elect is an ardent advocate of temperance and a strong supporter of the Guild of St. John's Total Abstinence Society, to whose members his appointment has given great satisfaction.

All are pleased and delighted with the tone of the Governor-General's utterance as telegraphed from Fremantle (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*). His Excellency has Home Rule sympathies, as indicated in his remarks in the Golden West. In the course of his speech, Sir Ronald said: 'You know I am a firm believer in Home Rule all round, and it was with a view to ascertaining which particular Constitution amongst the Dominions was best suited for a Federal scheme in the Old Country that I studied the Australian system. I am hopeful that eventually a scheme embodying Home Rule for Scotland, Ireland, and probably Wales will be adopted.'

The Rome correspondent of the Sydney *Freeman's Journal* writes under date April 17:—Australia is well represented just now amongst the many distinguished visitors who throng the streets and places of devotion and interest. The Right Rev. Dr. Carroll (Bishop of Lismore) and Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer (Bishop of Maitland) are staying at the Irish College. Very Rev. Father Begley, O.F.M., is at St. Isidore's; Rev. Father O'Flynn (of Tasmania), Rev. Father Hayes, and Rev. Father Nolan (of Victoria) are at the Hayden Hotel; while Rev. Fathers O'Regan, Rohan, and Power (of Sydney), and Father Gray (of Goulburn) have patronised the Minerva. All have been received by the Holy

Father, and have been successful in obtaining special blessings for themselves and their flocks.

The United Irish League of Victoria have carried the following resolutions:—'That this meeting of the United Irish League congratulates Major T. M. McInerney, C.M.G., upon the manly and independent tone of his replies to the representatives of the Naval and Military Club; and condemns the extreme and unjust action of the said club, some of whose prominent members preferred to remain in Melbourne when Major McInerney was fighting for the Empire in South Africa.' 'This League further condemns the unwarranted intrusion of Lord Roberts into the arena of Irish politics, considering that he has failed to dissociate his political beliefs from his military career; and considering, too, that his military reputation, like that of other anti-Irish generals, has been largely built up by the blood and heroism of Irish regiments, whose Parliamentary representatives are but asking that the Parliament, admittedly stolen from Ireland by the foulest of means, should be honorably restored to her, and that, too, without further equivocation or delay.'

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 26.

Amongst the 1000 school children who participated in the Empire Day celebrations yesterday were between 60 and 70 pupils of the parish schools, who were also present at the patriotic picture entertainment at the Opera House in the morning.

The Christchurch *Sun* says that a large number of ladies and gentlemen, principally friends and relatives of the principal candidates, attended the distribution of medals and certificates in connection with the Trinity College musical examinations at the Art Gallery on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Amy Gilligan, A.T.C.L., of Oamaru, winner of Lord Liverpool's gold medal, received much applause as she went to receive the tangible representation of her success, and later on she played a pianoforte solo in a clear and artistic manner. Others who contributed pianoforte selections included Misses Doris S. L. Webb, Dorothea Harrop, and Eileen Carter, while Miss Greta Cadenead, A.T.C.L., gave a violin solo. All the candidates who played were winners of medals.

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