

Intercolonial

The Rev. Father Donnelly, who has been removed to Temora, was made a presentation at June.

The Very Rev. Dean Tobin, of Glen Innes, late of Armidale and Inverness, has been created a Monsignor. The new Monsignor's friends in Armidale have heartily congratulated him on his appointment.

The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Haran, Rev. Father W. Barry, Rev. Father Rohan (Pymble), and Rev. Father J. J. O'Driscoll leave Sydney on February 22 by the Japanese boat for a trip abroad.

Prior to his departure from Pambula, the parishioners presented the Rev. Father P. Kenny, who has succeeded the late Rev. Father R. Condon at Campsie, with a purse of sovereigns and a handsome illuminated address.

The Very Rev. Father M. J. O'Reilly, C.M., president of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, is to be succeeded by the Rev. Father Cullen, C.M., a grand-nephew of Cardinal Cullen. He is at present rector of Castleknock, Dublin.

His Excellency Judge Murray, Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, volunteered for service at the front in any capacity. The Federal Government, however, will not allow him to go, believing that he can be of more service where he is. Judge Murray served with distinction in the South African War.

In the person of Rev. Father James Grace, one of the most respected priests of the archdiocese of Sydney passed away recently. The deceased priest was a native of Kilkenny, and made his studies for the sacred ministry in Rome. For a few years there he was a class-fellow of his Grace Archbishop Kelly. Coming to Sydney, Father Grace was appointed to various important parochial districts, and at the time of his death he was pastor of Granville.

Writing in the *Kilkenny Journal*, the Very Rev. W. Canon Healy, P.P., of Johnstown, expresses sincere gratitude to his Lordship Dr. Phelan, Bishop of Sale, for his generous gift—a beautiful monstrance to his native parish of Johnstown. Father Healy adds: 'When Dr. Phelan was home here on holidays in 1906 he intimated to me that he wished to make a gift to my church in memory of his deceased friends. We agreed on the Holy Water Font to be erected inside the front door, and he left the design and cash entirely in my hands.'

His Lordship Bishop Dunne, in the course of an address at the annual synod, said: 'This may be a suitable opportunity of referring to Father O'Reilly's early departure from Australia. I say from Australia, because his fruitful labors were not confined to State, "province," or diocese—they were like his great zeal and ability, continental. During the 12 years that he called Bathurst his home, every village, town, and parish within the diocese benefited largely by his learning and labors. Always at the call of Bishop and priests, he spared himself in nothing where his inspiring presence and admirable assistance could be of service. During his presidency of our college, St. Stanislaus' has undergone a mighty change in fame and form, and few of the old patrons would recognise, in the now noble appearance of our premier educational establishment of the West, the modest structure of former times, with many deficiencies. True, he was well assisted by most competent fellow laborers, but he was himself the soul of the brilliant and most efficient management. The fine building on the crest of the hill will miss his princely form, his rare eloquence, his cheerful encouragement, his marvellous educational ability, and his genuine patriotism. Doubtless Australia's loss is Ireland's gain, but few can blame him for desiring to give his still vigorous life and masterful attainments to the service of his own country. In wishing him God speed, we will earnestly pray that his future may be worthy of his Australian life, and that his many admirers and friends will often hear great and good things of him.'

PUBLICATIONS

Round About Home: Irish Scenes and Memories. By Rev. P. J. Carroll, C.S.C. Ave Maria Press, U.S.A. 1 dollar net. 234 pp.

There are few readers, we think, who would not derive great pleasure and profit from this book of Father Carroll's. He seems to have caught the very spirit of rustic Ireland, elusive as it is, and to have given it tangible shape in these little sketches. Those who know the old sod cannot but read with delight these memories of the life which will be familiar to them, the life of the country districts of Ireland a quarter of a century ago. Their descendants who have not forgotten the Irish blood in their veins, and who wish to know what life was like among their forefathers, they, too, will read these pages with sympathetic enjoyment. And for others, the gallery of sketches forms a valuable and most attractive picture of Irish life, a picture which should do much good in supplanting the too-popular travesties of the Irish character spoken of by the author himself in the following terms: 'One wishes there was some sort of Literary Holy Office to order burned some two dozen or so books on Irish life and character. One would dance with blessed gleo round the funeral pyre.' These little essays are so simple both in substance and in narrative style, that the reader wonders whether their charm actually lies in absolutely unstudied simplicity, or whether the author is the fortunate possessor of the 'ars celare artem.' Little bits of description here and there, almost perfect in their finish and charm, seem to point to the latter conclusion, bits like this: 'Here and there a star began to peep, the advanced-guard of the great army that very soon would encamp on the wide acres of the sky.' Father Carroll's asides on the history of Ireland and the character of her people are always original and well worth listening to, and he is generously gifted with both pathos and humor. His characters are all human and convincing: they have their little frailties, but in them all, and through all the varied circumstances of their obscure lives, he makes us see the intense faith and the spirituality of mind, as well as the gentle kindness, which distinguish the Irish peasant.

The Secret of Pocumoke. By Mary T. Waggaman. Ave Maria Press. 75 cents retail. 270 pp.

Like all the stories of this delightful American authoress, this little book is at once suitable for children and for their elders. Indeed, it would be a precocious child who would appreciate at its true worth the singular freshness and originality which pervades the story of the lovable little girl who brightens the lives of all around her. 'Pat' is the most fascinating of heroines, and her bright gaiety of heart serves to render all the more attractive her staunch adherence to the Catholic faith in the midst of difficulties and opposition. Would that there were more books like this, in which children are given such a human and attractive character, whose fidelity to principle they can admire, without being repelled by unnatural and priggish speech and bearing. The book is attractively printed and bound, and possesses a taking frontispiece of the little heroine.

A marvellous city is Chicago. Sixty-six years ago it had only four parish churches—the Cathedral, St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Peter's. To-day it has about 220 Catholic parish churches.

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