

Intercolonial

In the course of an interview, his Grace Archbishop O'Reilly, of Adelaide, said that he believed the war will end in favor of the Allies between October and December next.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has cabled a fourth instalment of £500 to his Eminence Cardinal Logue, who will send it to his Eminence Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, to help the sorely-trying nuns. This makes a total of £2000 sent by Archbishop Carr.

It is officially stated that the Rev. Father Cullen, rector of Castleknock, Dublin, who has been announced as the successor of the Very Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, will only fill the latter's vacated post in the religious sphere as head of the Vincentian Fathers in Australasia. The name of the new President at St. Stanislaus' College has not yet been made public.

The first of the Lenten Pastorals from the Victorian Hierarchy is that from his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst, the Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., who deals chiefly with the Blessed Eucharist. Bishop Reville, in referring to the Belgian nuns' fund, says: 'His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has made an appeal in aid of the Belgian nuns, who, in consequence of the war, have been reduced to dire straits, deprived even of the necessities of life. To this appeal a generous response has been made in Melbourne and Ballarat. I will ask the priests of this diocese to encourage, after Easter, their people to contribute to this deserving fund. The priests themselves will, I am sure, give an example of generosity to their flock.'

The Bishop of Sandhurst, the Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., has been felicitated by his priests and people on the completion of the 30th anniversary of his appointment, in Rome, as Cardinal Wilson, his episcopacy dating from January 27, 1885. His Lordship was consecrated three months later, on Palm Sunday, in St. Kilian's, by the late Archbishop Gell, O.S.A., the first Bishop of Melbourne. The many churches, presbyteries, and schools throughout the diocese of Sandhurst bear testimony to his Lordship's untiring zeal during his long episcopate, and merit the grateful acknowledgment of his priests and people. In October, 1901, the first Bishop of Sandhurst, the Right Rev. Dr. Crane, O.S.A., passed to his reward, and Dr. Reville succeeded him. Bishop Reville is now active in visiting every part of his extensive diocese. A few Sundays ago his Lordship blessed and opened a fine new school at Chiltern, one of the larger towns on the Melbourne-Sydney line. The Presentation Nuns are in charge of the school, which cost £1100. The offering totalled £500.

By the death of Mr. James Maguire the State loses one of its most interesting pioneers, and an important link in the chain that binds the Western Australia of to-day with the far-off past (says the *H.L. Herald*). Mr. Maguire succumbed to congestion of the lungs and an attack of heart disease on January 13. Up to a day or two previous to his death, the deceased was able to busily interest himself in the farm work, and being of a naturally energetic disposition, it took a serious attack to compel him to retire from a habit of industry which he had acquired in the long spell of almost three-quarters of a century. Mr. Maguire arrived in Western Australia with his parents and four brothers and four sisters in December, 1842. He was then eight years old. The family engaged in farming in the Dardamp district, where Mr. Maguire resided until his death. Perhaps the most interesting item in the history of his life was the part he played in helping the great Irish poet and journalist, Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly, to escape from Western Australia. Were it not for his strategic participation in the escape of the distinguished writer, and editor of the *Boston Pilot*, the name of one of America's leading journalists might never have been heard of outside the rough bush of Western Australia.

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OBITUARY

BROTHER JAMES ARMSTRONG, MOUNT ST. MARY'S, GREENMEADOWS.

(From a correspondent.)

One of the earliest pioneers of the West Coast, in the person of Brother James Armstrong, of Mount St. Mary's, Greenmeadows, passed away on February 12. Born in County Sligo, close on 72 years ago, he came out to Queenstand, and from there to New Zealand. He was prospecting on the Coast in the very early days, having been in Murray's Creek, now Reefton, before the rush, and many old miners still have pleasant recollections of him. Always a devout Catholic, and, as his old comrades can testify, a most pious and virtuous man, he heard and gladly responded to a call to greater perfection and a higher life. A quarter of a century ago, he came to the then infant institution, St. Mary's Scholasticate, Meance, and joined the Society of Mary, as a lay Brother. Here, for over twenty-four years he led a humble, hidden life of wonderful and lowly holiness, edifying all. After two days of intense suffering, borne with characteristic patience and resignation, and fortified with all the rites of the Church, he breathed forth his pure soul calmly and peacefully, his last act being the renewal of his religious profession. The Office of the Dead and the Solemn Requiem Mass were sung by the students and Fathers, who also chanted the 'Benedictus' at the graveside. The Rev. Father McCarthy, S.M., of the Marist Missionary staff, gave a very touching and appropriate discourse at the conclusion of the Requiem Mass, in which he spoke of the holiness and virtues of the deceased Brother, and paid an eloquent tribute to the work he had done in helping to build up the Scholasticate. It is the lay Brothers who, by their labors in the past and in the present, have, to a large extent, furnished the material resources of the Scholasticate, thereby enabling it to send out the many priests who have already left its hallowed walls, and are working in so many parishes of this Dominion. The lay Brothers, said the preacher, are the greatest benefactors of the Scholasticate because, while others may give of their goods and substance, they give their lives, and 'greater love no man hath.' The name of Brother James Armstrong will therefore be ever remembered in the institution with gratitude and reverence. R.I.P.

MRS. M. ROCHE, GREYMOUTH.

I regret to have to record the death of a very prominent Catholic in the person of Mrs. Mary Roche, of Gerald street, Greymouth, which took place at Lewisam Hospital, Christchurch (writes a correspondent). The deceased had been a patient sufferer for many months, and visited Christchurch for medical treatment about two weeks ago. She passed away fortified by all the rites of the Church. The deceased came to the West Coast with her husband many years ago, and had resided at Nelson Creek and Greymouth ever since. Her husband, Mr. Michael Roche, predeceased her about fourteen years ago. She leaves a family of four daughters, one of whom is married (Mrs. E. McDonnell, of Greymouth), and three sons (Mr. William Roche, of the National Bank, Mr. Herbert Roche, surveyor, Reefton, and Mr. James Roche, who is studying at Greenmeadows). The funeral, which took place on Saturday last, was a very large one, friends from all parts of the district being present to pay their last respects to one who was universally respected. A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated on Saturday morning.—R.I.P.

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