People We Hear About

The two sons of King Albert of Belgium are attending the Preparatory School at the famous Jesuit College of Stonyhurst, England.

Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli on December 30 celebrated the silver jubilee of his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals. He was the recipient of congratulations from the Holy Father, the members of the Sacred College, the Orders of which he is Protector, and very many of the public.

The new General of the Society of Jesus (Father Ledochowski), who is a member of the Austrian Province of his Order, is a nephew of the late Cardinal Ledochowski, who died in 1911. Although comparatively speaking a young man for so responsible a position, he is expected to prove an excellent General.

Mr. J. D. Gregory, who is Sir Henry Howard's private secretary during his mission in Rome, is the son of Sir Philip Gregory, and was educated at Eton. He entered the Foreign Office in 1902, and was gazetted to the Diplomatic Service the year following. In 1903 he was Secretary to the British Agent before the Venezuela Claims Arbitration Tribunal at The Hague: he was Second Secretary at Vienna from 1907 to 1909; and Charge d'Affaires at Bucharest from 1910 to 1913. Mr. Gregory, who is himself a convert to the Church, married in 1904 another convert—Gwendolen Lind, daughter of the late Raymond Maude, and only grand-daughter of Jenny Lind, whose memory is still in the keeping of all lovers of music as one of those who upheld in public life the high dignity of her womanhood.

The Right Hon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada and Deputy Governor-General, was born in Quebec on December 19, 1853. He began his legal career in 1876, after graduating from Laval University. He first came into international prominence in 1885 as chief counsel for Louis Riel, the insurgent leader, who sought to found a half-breed 'republic' in Western Canada. He waged a brilliant legal battle on behalf of Riel, but the insurgent chief was convicted and executed. Sir Charles was knighted in 1907, soon after his elevation to the supreme Bench. He had previously served the Dominion Government as Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. He was the chief speaker at the American Bar Association's Convention in Washington last October.

Scottish Catholics in general, and Highlanders in particular, have been much gratified at the inclusion in the New Year's honor list of Lord Lovat, on whom has been bestowed the Knighthood of the Thistle vacant by the death of the late Duke of Buccleuch. Catholic K.T. was John, third Marquis of Bute, one of the most learned peers of his time, and a generous and public-spirited nobleman. Lord Lovat's public spirit (writes D.O.H.B. in the Glasgow Observer) has been not less evidenced, though in a different field; and his patriotic military services have been fitly recognised by the bestowal on him of the highest purely Scottish honor at the command of the King. The origin of the Order of the Thistle is lost in antiquity, but it was restored in modern times, first by James II., and later by Queen Anne. There are but sixteen Knights, who are practically always Scottish peers. An exception to this rule was, however, made in the case of the late Sir William Stirling-Maxwell (father of Sir John Maxwell of Pollok and Captain Stirling of Keir), on whom the coveted honor was conferred in recognition of his eminent qualities as a scholar and patron of arts and letters.

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Intercolonial

The Rev. Fathers P. Nulty, R. O'Regan, and P. J. Power have returned to Sydney after an extended holiday in the Old World.

The Sacred Heart parish, Darlinghurst, will be administered by the Rev. Father P. J. Sheehy, of St. Patrick's College, Manly, during the absence of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran.

His Lordship the Bishop of the Bismarck Archipelago, the Right Rev. Dr. Louis Couppe, arrived in Sydney the other day. He is on a recuperative trip, and is staying at the Sacred Heart Monastery, Kensington.

There was lost to the sacred cause of Catholic education recently, Brother Bernardine, of the Marist College, New Norcia, W.A., who died after a long and painful illness at the Hospital of St. John of God, Subiaco, Perth.

Rev. Brother Fogarty, who was in charge of Gregory Terrace School, Brisbane, has been transferred to Perth, West Australia. Brother O'Donoghue, of Perth, succeeds Brother Fogarty. Brother Egan, who has been stationed in Brisbane, returns to Adelaide.

Rev. Father Minnagh, who was Mayor of Bundaberg last year, was again nominated for the position this year, but declined. This is an indication of the confidence his fellow-aldermen have in him to discharge the duties of principal magistrate of the city.

The Rev. Brother Duggan, Principal of the Christian Brothers' College, Kalgoorlie, West Australia, who formerly held a similar position at Nudgee, Queensland, died at Lewisham, Sydney, on February 24. He was 49 years of age, a native of Tipperary, and possessed high scholastic attainments. The cause of death was hemorrhage, contracted while on a visit to Sydney from Kalgoorlie in December last.

The Rev. Father M. Sherin, priest in charge of St. Canice's, Darlinghurst, and chaplain to his Grace Archbishop Kelly, has been transferred from the ecclesiastical staff of St. Mary's Cathedral to Chatswood, taking the place of the Rev. Father William Barry, who has left for a year's holiday trip. As pastor of Chatswood, Father Sherin will cease to be chaplain to the Archbishop of Sydney.

By the Nikko Maru, which left Sydney on February 22, there departed for an extended trip to Ireland, via Japan and America, the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran (Sacred Heart), and the Rev. Fathers W. Barry (Chatswood), J. J. O'Driscoll (Kogarah), and J. Rohan (Pymble). A number of friends, ecclesiastical and lay, farewelled the tourists on the wharf with the utmost euthusiasm, and all good wishes for a happy holiday and a safe return.

The new Prior of the Dominican Order at North Adelaide (Very Rev. S. A. O'Kelly, O.P.), arrived by the R.M.S. Medina on February 13 (says the Southern Cross). Prior O'Kelly comes from St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght, County Dublin (the novitiate and house of study of the Dominicans). He has had considerable experience as a missionary in Ireland. Very Rev. M. J. O'Byrne has been acting-Prior at North Adelaide since Prior Spence became Coadjutor-Archbishop.

His Excellency the Papal Delegate, the Most Rev. Dr. Cerretti, accompanied by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran, the Rev. Dr. Kaldewey, and the Rev. Father M. Sherin, paid a visit to St. Vincent's Hospital on February 18. His Excellency was received by the Mother Rectress and the Sisters, and, after going through the wards of the general hospital, paid a visit to St. Vincent's Private Hospital and the new nurses' home. He expressed his agreeable surprise at seeing such excellent accommodation for the suffering sick, and congratulated the Sisters of Charity upon their noble work.