

Intercolonial

The Rev. F. D. Kilgallin, of Cessnock, is seriously ill, and but slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

At the Broadmeadows encampment, Victoria, Catholics are erecting a solid building for the religious and social requirements of their soldiers. The contract price amounts to £721, and already about £500 is in hand.

The collection in aid of the Catholic College at Melbourne University is progressing satisfactorily. The amount actually in hand now exceeds £15,000, a sum of about £2000 having been received in the last week in May. The total amount promised is rapidly approaching £50,000. It is expected that the full sum necessary will be received before the end of the year, thus fulfilling the conditions of the generous offer of £30,000 from an anonymous donor.

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate will pay his first official visit to Brisbane in July next. In order to make arrangements for a fitting reception a meeting of the clergy and laity was held recently. His Grace Archbishop Duhig, who presided, said that the Apostolic Delegate was a very distinguished man, as besides being a doctor of theology and canon law, he was also a doctor of civil law—he was both a high ecclesiastic and a statesman, and had spent several years in America.

The church at Megalong Valley (N.S.W.) was completely destroyed by fire recently, and Rev. Father Peoples, who was sleeping on the premises at the time, barely escaped with his life. Father Peoples made the journey from Katoomba to celebrate Mass at Megalong. During the night he was awakened owing to the suffocating condition of the room, and found it full of smoke. He had only just time to get out into the open air before the building was ablaze from end to end.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, of The Nest, Laura, has offered his Sydney suburban residence at Woolwich for the purposes of a hospital for wounded soldiers. The house, which is beautifully situated on the water front of Lane Cove River, at Woolwich Point (says the *Catholic Press*), would accommodate about 40 beds, and should make an ideal convalescent home or hospital. The premises will be handed over by Mr. O'Brien as they now stand, with furniture and all other appurtenances thereto, for a period of twelve months from date of occupation, together with free gas and water for that term. Mr. O'Brien has already given £2000 to the war funds.

After the celebration of High Mass at St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore, on Sunday, May 30, Mr. T. J. McIntyre, of Marlivale, and Mr. J. J. Kissane, of Casino, received from his Lordship Bishop Carroll the decorations recently bestowed upon them by the Holy Father. Mr. McIntyre was made a Knight of St. Gregory, and on Mr. Kissane the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice was conferred. Congratulating the recipients of the honors, Bishop Carroll referred to their services to the Church, and pointed out how Mr. McIntyre gave the land on which the church in Marlivale stands, and shouldered his share in building St. Carthage's Cathedral. Mr. Kissane, too, had supported his words with deeds, and with his partner had established a bursary at St. Joseph's College for the boys of the Lismore diocese.

On the day after the arrival in Queensland of his Excellency the Governor, Sir Hamilton Goold-Adams, G.C.M.G., C.B., he was the guest of honor at the Queensland Irish Association's annual banquet on St. Patrick's eve. No incident on that occasion excited more enthusiasm than the chairman's announcement that his Excellency was an Irishman, and would become a member of the association. It was there and then decided that he should be made an honorary life member of the association, but it was subsequently discovered that an amendment of the constitution of the association was necessary to give effect to this decision. Accordingly, at a largely-attended special meeting of the

association held recently, the necessary amendment was unanimously approved, and later the executive met and unanimously elected the Governor as an honorary life member.

Speaking at St. Brigid's Church, North Fitzroy, a few Sundays ago, Rev. Dr. Kelly said he had been informed that many Catholics were resigning their membership of branches of the Political Labor Council as a result of the action of the recent conference of that body in deciding that members of other organisations which selected or supported candidates for public positions were not eligible for membership. He had heard that 35 Catholics had resigned from one league alone. That was against the advice of every speaker at the recent monster meeting of Catholics at the Melbourne Town Hall. Their advice was that Catholics should not leave the labor leagues until they were put out, but should remain in them and defend the Church's position on the education question from within the Labor movement. If they were put out they would then realise their position, and act accordingly.

EMPIRE DAY IN FIJI

On Sunday, May 23, the interior of the Catholic Cathedral, Fiji, was neatly decorated with the flags of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Dominions (says the *Western Pacific Herald*). These flags, together with the flags of our gallant Allies, gave a touch of color to the grey stone walls of the Cathedral, and made it look very gay indeed. The Union Jack floated proudly in the breeze over the Cathedral and over the convent. The 10 o'clock Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Fox, who gave an eloquent and touching address on loyalty and patriotism, in the course of which he referred to the momentous struggle now taking place in Europe, a struggle upon the result of which the very existence of our Empire depends. Hence the serious and solemn thought which Empire Day would suggest to every reasonable man this year. Loyalty and patriotism are the virtues which distinguish every good man, every good citizen. Catholics, more than others, had a special reason to see that they are second to none in practising these virtues. The reason is this: That as Catholics they recognise the Pope as the head of the Church, and they obey him in spiritual matters, but in spiritual matters only. Nevertheless they might be suspected of being less loyal than others in temporal matters to the lawfully constituted Government of their country. Such is not the case, as every Catholic knows. Although we do not recognise the jurisdiction of the King in things spiritual, yet in things temporal we should be second to none in showing our love and devotion for his Majesty. Father Fox then went on to speak of patriotism or love of one's country—a sentiment placed in the heart of man by God himself—like the love of a child for his mother. It would be an unnatural thing in a child not to love his mother; in the same way the man who did not love his country was not worthy of being called a man. This love could not be ordered or commanded, but springs spontaneous in the human heart. A year ago many pessimists imagined that our grand old Empire was falling to pieces: some parts were supposed to be on the verge of rebellion; others were credited with wishing to 'cut the painter.' These pessimists did not understand human nature. They did not take into consideration that love for the Mother Country which existed in the hearts of Britishers throughout the Empire. And when our Mother Country drew her sword, to protect a small but heroic nation, and to keep her pledged word to gallant France, our brave ally, then her sons from the most distant parts of the Empire, even from little Fiji, hastened to go and help, if necessary at the cost of their lives. There was no law to oblige these men to do so; no more than a law is required to make a child love his mother. Father Fox concluded by recommending all present to ask the Almighty to long preserve our Empire, and to maintain her traditions of liberty and justice which are the foundation of her true greatness.

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