

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AND DIVINITY DEGREES

ARCHBISHOP KELLY'S WARNING.

At the ceremonial blessing of the foundation stone of St. Francis' new church at Paddington on Sunday, July 29, his Grace Archbishop Kelly dealt with the effort now being made to grant powers to the Sydney University to confer degrees of divinity. "They must not Protestantise the University," said his Grace. "Let it be honestly secular. It has come down to us from worthy citizens who took a due account of religion. They gave a college to the Anglicans, to the Presbyterians, to the Catholics, and are prepared to give one to the Methodists. These were built partly by the Government and by the laity. St. John's College represented to the Catholics an expenditure of about £80,000, and before its completion it would require another £80,000 or so to accommodate some 80 or 90 students. The Government gives the Rector a salary. The people who did these things in the past would not want to impose upon us a secular system of education in the schools and say: 'Take it, but if you don't then pay double taxation in building your own schools and supporting the State's as well.'"

No Unity of Religious Thought.

His Grace quoted an extract from the daily paper which set out that the representatives of several theological colleges had waited upon the Minister for Education and urged the amendment of the Act so that the University could confer degrees of divinity. The Minister had no objection, and said he would see if an amending bill could be drawn up. They must not do to the University, continued his Grace the Archbishop, what they have done to the public schools. In these they had Scripture lessons taken from the Protestant Bible, and these were cut up and emasculated, and they have by a kind of vague clause done a good deal to make the public schools Protestant. They must not do that to the University. It would be against the law. If they were true democrats, wishing to give equality to all denominations, they must not let Protestants get possession of the University. Do the several theological colleges agree among themselves except in hating Catholics? "I respect Protestants and have my hand stretched out to every one," added the Archbishop, "and only speak against the general doctrine. Continuing the subject, his Grace was very outspoken. "They must not Protestantise the University as they have tried to do with the public schools," he declared. "It must be secular. . . . London and Manchester Universities were mentioned in support of the request, but what doctrines did they preach? What was the doctrine outside the Catholic Church? A doctrine of corruption—the doctrine of a dead body putrefying and going to pieces. They have lost the meaning of the Bible, and have no one to tell them what it is. Yet they are going to give a degree in divinity! That's doing the devil's work, anyway."

Education which does not promote conduct bears within it a moral stain.

The latest figures available relating to dairy produce held in store in the Dominion awaiting shipment and for local consumption, are: 215,000 boxes of butter and 120,000 crates of cheese.

None ever hath assembled to this realm
Who hath not a believer been in Christ
Either before or after the blest limbs
Were nailed upon the wood,
But lo! Of those who call Christ Christ,
There shall be many found
In judgment farther off from Him by far
Than such to Him His name was never known.
—Dante.

GARDENING NOTES

(By Mr. J. JOYCE, Landscape Gardener, Christchurch.)

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

The month of August, which ushers in the spring, is a busy one in the garden. With fine weather and the soil in good condition, work in plenty will now be found to do. Early potatoes may be planted in a favorable situation; a well-sheltered, sunny spot for choice. A good plan is to have handy a supply of short straw or stable manure so that the young shoots may be quickly protected should frost threaten. Late frosts are usually experienced about the time the early potato shoots appear above the surface of the ground. A sowing of early peas and broad beans may now also be made, but unless the young shoots—for which the small birds have a great liking—are protected with wire-netting, the sowing of peas is more or less a waste of energy and material. For a succession it is well to sow again when the first lot appear well above ground. A small quantity of turnip seed should now be sown and it matures very quickly. The Early Milan is a very early variety. It is not wise to sow too lavishly, as turnips quickly run to seed; the young leaves, however, make a good substitute for spinach. An occasional small sowing of lettuce and radish may also be made. If the soil is in good working order most garden seeds may now be sown, but if wet or cloggy it is better to wait a while longer. Parsnips, carrots, beet, spinach, leeks, and onions may be sown any time now when the conditions are favorable. Plant the asparagus bed according to the methods mentioned in previous articles. Those who have plenty of stable manure at their disposal could not do better than have an asparagus bed for raising their tender seedlings and plants. Plant rhubarb and sea kale. If the rhubarb roots are grown old and unproductive, dig them up and chop them apart, leaving about three buds to each crown, and plant them in good, prepared soil, where they will soon renew themselves. To get rhubarb early and tender, place some boxes or small barrels over the crown to keep out the sun and air, and to blanch the stalks.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Those proposing to lay down a lawn should do so now as soon as possible, providing the ground is in a fit state to work. If bare patches appear on the lawn now is the proper time to treat them if returfing is necessary. If otherwise, then scatter seed, top dress with light soil, and roll well in. The grass should be mowed regularly, and then rolled; rolling is absolutely necessary to cultivate a good, solid turf. Hardy annuals may now be sown in patches in the flower beds and borders. If the soil is not too rich a sprinkling of bone-meal or fertiliser may be applied with advantage, worked well in with the rake or hoe before planting the seeds. It is a good plan to reserve some of the seed for another planting in September.

THE FRUIT GARDEN.

If all the planting of fruit and other trees is not yet completed, the time is still favorable and the work may be carried on right into September. When the leaves begin to burst forth it is a warning that the planting season is drawing to a close.

The poor in all ages have been the jewels of the Church, and the sounder part of the faithful. They build our churches, support our clergy, and endow our orphan asylums and charitable institutions. It is the widow's mite that makes the treasury of the Church overflow. —Brownson.

HAYWARD'S PICKLES ARE THE BEST.

They easily outclass the rest. If your grocer is out of stock. Try any live Grocer's shop.