

COMMONWEALTH NOTES

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Rev. Dr. Kaldewey has been notified by cable that he is to return to Rome, his term of appointment as Professor of Theology at the Ecclesiastical Seminary having expired. Dr. Kaldewey spent two years at St. Columba's College, Springwood, and the last three years at St. Patrick's College, Manly. He will carry with him the best wishes of the many young priests whose studies he directed, and although he did not come directly into contact with a large number of the laity, his pleasant manner and charming courtesy made for him a number of friends, who will wish him success in his career at Rome.

It is just fifty years ago since his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, was ordained priest from the famous College of Maynooth, Ireland, and in order to take steps to mark the unique event of the golden jubilee of his priesthood, the parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral held a meeting in St. Patrick's Hall recently. The Rev. Father W. Cahill, Adm., presided, and there was a large and representative attendance. The following motion was passed—"That this meeting of the Catholic citizens of Goulburn decide to celebrate in a fitting way the golden jubilee of his Lordship Dr. Gallagher, and invite the co-operation of the different parishes throughout the diocese." A large and representative committee was formed to carry out the desire of the meeting, and it was decided that an address and testimonial be presented to his Lordship. A large gathering of the hierarchy, clergy, and parishioners is expected to be present, and his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate (Archbishop Cattaneo) will probably visit Goulburn for the occasion. It was in November, 1893, that the venerable Bishop of Goulburn, the Right Rev. Dr. Lanigan, applied to the Holy See for a Coadjutor-Bishop with the right of succession, and the request being granted, the priests of the diocese met under the presidency of the Bishop, when the names of the Very Rev. Dr. J. Gallagher and two others were sent to the bishops assembled in Sydney for recommendation to the Holy See, when Dr. Gallagher was nominated by a large majority. For many years he was president of St. Patrick's College, Goulburn, and later spent eight years in charge of the Wagga parish. Subsequently he returned to the presidency of the college, and after twenty-five years' zealous service in the diocese was elected successor to Dr. Lanigan. On July 7, 1895, he was consecrated in the Goulburn Cathedral.

VICTORIA.

In a letter appearing in the Geelong press, "National Federalist" writes:—"Although, politically, I do not stand behind Archbishop Mannix, I think that the thanks, not merely of Mr. Bowser, the Minister of Health, but those of the whole community, should be extended to his Grace for the splendid offer of placing his school buildings at the disposal of the authorities in case of the plague making further ravages. Some of these buildings are very fine, perfectly up to date in ventilation and sanitary arrangements, and could be quickly and easily converted into ideal temporary hospitals. Also, are the thanks of the community due in advance to those noble women who are ready to leave the sanctuary of the convent homes, to minister, in the name of their Master, to the sick and the needy, irrespective of creed or of country. Some of our returned soldiers can tell us of the saintly nuns on the battlefield—angels of mercy, who bring succor and consolation to the wounded, and in whose eyes the dying already see a glimpse of God's heaven. To our Catholic brethren, then, who are setting us such a fine example, we tender our thanks, and in sinking all national and religious differences in this moment of dire peril, strive to remember that we are, as Dr. Mannix evidently believes, and practises, all children of the one common Father."

QUEENSLAND.

Sunday, February 16, was indeed a red-letter day for the Catholic people of Rockhampton, the religious ceremony being the dedication by the Archbishop of Brisbane (Most Rev. Dr. J. Duhig) of the new St. Patrick's Church, which takes the place of the first church opened on the same site a little over 56 years ago. The exact date was Sunday, January 4, 1863. Rockhampton and the whole central district was then but a station in the diocese of Brisbane, a place where there was no resident priest, but visited only occasionally by one from Brisbane. To the new St. Patrick's, a beautiful monument erected and appropriately equipped at a cost of £5000, a large crowd was attracted, many availing themselves of the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with his Grace and also with the Very Rev. Father O'Flynn, of St. Patrick's, Brisbane, all with Irish sympathies, being pleased to recall that it was Father O'Flynn who delivered the most interesting and stirring lecture in the city on St. Patrick's Night, 1918, on "The Irish at Home and Abroad." In fulfilling a promise to the parishioners in the section of the city which St. Patrick's Church will serve, Bishop Shiel arranged for a mission, which has been conducted by the Very Rev. J. Taylor, who, with Fathers Herring and Goggin, traversed the Central district last year with very successful results. The mission was well attended, as all missions controlled by the Marist Fathers have been throughout the diocese, in which they were good enough to spend several months.

The Black Hand Brigade is in despair, for despite their strenuous efforts since the beginning of the war to create sectarian bitterness, and establish an industrial boycott against the employment of Catholics, today Brisbane and South Brisbane municipalities are governed for the current year by two Catholic Mayors (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Catholic Press*). When it is remembered that our State itself is also in the hands of Ryan, Theodore, Fihelly, and Lennon, all devoted followers of the Catholic faith, it is no wonder that there is weeping and gnashing of teeth in the councils of the sectarian-mongers, whose abject failure to promote civil and religious discord has been so complete. Hall, and men of his yellow kidney, should now realise that their impish cliquism and hellish propaganda will never succeed in an advanced democratic community like Queensland, and that there is as little room for them here as their prototypes in the economic sphere, the professors of I.W.W.-ism, which aims to demolish socially what the Black-Handers would do religiously and nationally. It is indeed gratifying to know that both doctrines are abhorrent to the good sense of the community, and will not be countenanced or encouraged.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

By direction of his Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide a meeting of Catholics of the city and suburbs was held recently in St. Francis Xavier's Hall to make the necessary preparations for the visit of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate (Archbishop Cattaneo) in May next. Owing to the large attendance and the sultriness of the weather, his Grace decided that the meeting should be held in the Cathedral, and the Blessed Sacrament was removed from the tabernacle. The church was well filled with ladies and gentlemen representative of the city and suburbs. His Grace presided at a table within the sanctuary, and with him were the Right Rev. Mgr. Nevin, Very Rev. Precentor Hurley, Very Rev. M. Hourigan, Very Rev. Priors Power, O.C.C., and O'Kelly, O.P., Very Rev. D. Connell, S.J., and the Revs. J. A. Gatzemeyer, J. Hanrahan, and others. Mr. D. A. Woodward acted as minute secretary. Comprehensive arrangements were decided upon and committees appointed to make the occasion of the Apostolic Delegate's visit a memorable one.

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