

PEOPLE WE HEAR ABOUT

The Bishop of Salford, Right Rev. Dr. Casartelli, has been admitted an honorary member of the Royal Asiatic Society. The honor is an uncommon one, and in granting it the society specified a desire of expressing sympathy with the University of Louvain. Dr. Casartelli is a former Professor of Zend and Pehlevi at Louvain. He is now lecturer on Iranian languages in the University of Manchester.

At the last meeting of the Adelaide (S.A.) University Council Rev. Brother Purton, M.A., of the Christian Brothers' College staff, was appointed lecturer in logic for the remainder of the year. During his own course at the University Brother Purton was the Roby Fletcher Scholar in psychology and logic. He fills the place of Professor Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor of the University, who has left on a visit to Europe. Brother Purton has received many congratulations on the compliment paid him by the University.

The Christian Brothers in Ireland have recently sustained a great loss by the death of the Rev. Brother Joseph Butler, late Superior of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Cabra, and manager of the Arlane Industrial School from 1890 to 1909. He was born at Callan in 1840, and had had a long and distinguished career with the Christian Brothers. He was sent to Kingstown after completing his training, and after some years was appointed Superior in Fermoy, and later filled a similar position at Athy. In 1880 the members of his congregation elected him as Assistant to the Superior-General, in which office he remained for ten years. During his term he visited not only all the houses of the institute in Ireland, but also all the houses of the Congregation in India and Australia. In 1890 he was appointed Superior of Arlane Industrial School, a position he resigned 19 years later, following which came his transfer to Cabra, where he labored for nine years, until his retirement a year ago.

The *North-West Review* (Winnipeg) says:—The ceremony of congratulating the oldest priest in Christendom was an important epoch in Catholic Church circles on Sunday, March 23, in St. Boniface. Rev. Father Damase Dandurand, O.M.I., who celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday, received early in the morning a cable from Pope Benedict XV., congratulating him on the occasion and blessing him. Four archbishops, two bishops, 130 priests, and 3000 people were present at the celebrations, which included a Mass celebrated by the centenarian, followed by a banquet. Father Dandurand's experience of life as he related it in replying to congratulations, is worth giving:—"I have had a great deal of experience, travelled much and seen many people. A small group of these strove for honors, but they were not happy; another large group strove for riches, but they were not satisfied and wanted more and more; a still larger, far larger group, strove for pleasure, and they were neither satisfied nor happy. There were still other groups scattered here and there that were not intent on these things, but loved God and strove to do their duty; these were the only ones that felt happy and looked well."

On November 1 of the present year, his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, will celebrate his golden jubilee. He was ordained on November 1, 1869, in Maynooth, by the Right Rev. Dr. Lanigan, late Bishop of Goulburn, and came to Australia the following year. The present Bishop of Goulburn and the late Father Slattery, of Goulburn, were the first Maynooth students ever ordained for a foreign mission. Dr. Gallagher was born in Castlederg, where he received his early education. Then he went to the seminary in Monaghan, where he was associated with the late Cardinal Farley. From there he went to Maynooth, where he was associated with Cardinal Logue and the late Archbishop Carr, Archbishop Fen-

nelly, and Father Michael Murphy, of Marlborough, Ireland. A few years ago he visited Cardinal Farley at New York, and they talked over the early scenes of their youth. On that occasion, Cardinal Farley made him a present of a pectoral cross and ring, which were given to Cardinal Farley himself by his predecessor, Archbishop Corrigan, and his Lordship wears those emblems to-day. Dr. Gallagher's career in Australia is too well known to need recapitulation. Dr. Gallagher is a profound classical scholar. The late Dr. Badham, the first Professor of Classics at the Sydney University, said that Dr. Gallagher was the finest Greek scholar south of the line. Suffice to say he is greatly revered and admired, especially by the poorer classes, for there is no more ardent champion of democracy in all Australia than the venerable Bishop of Goulburn.

We are officially informed (says the *London Catholic Times* of April 5) that his Holiness the Pope has appointed the Rev. Donald Martin, Adm., the Pro-Cathedral, Oban, to the vacant See of Argyll and the Isles. The new Bishop is a native of the Western Highlands, having been born at Arduamurchan in 1873. He entered the Scots College, Valladolid, in 1899, and was ordained in 1905. His first appointment was to Castlebay, Barra, but most of his priestly career has been spent at Oban, where he has won the esteem of all sections of the community. He is a fluent Gaelic speaker, and this, of course, has enhanced his popularity in a district where the ancient language of the Gael is still widely spoken. The ancient See of the Isles is said to have been founded about the year 447 by St. Patrick, who appointed Germanus as its first Bishop. The See of Argyll is of much more recent origin, having been cut out of the diocese of Dunkeld about 1200. Both Sees were vacant from about the year 1553 until 1878, when the Right Rev. Angus MacDonald was appointed Bishop of the united dioceses. He was succeeded by the Right Rev. George Smith, who died in January of last year. Prior to his death, the Rev. Hugh Cameron, who was then serving with the Forces, had been nominated Auxiliary Bishop by the Holy See, but with characteristic modesty he successfully appealed to the Pope to be relieved from this high honor. Since the death of Bishop Smith the duties of the diocese have been performed by the Right Rev. Mgr. Alexander Mackintosh, Vicar-Capitular, Fort William. In a later issue the *Catholic Times* says: "The Right Rev. Donald Martin, the new Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, made his first public appearance since his appointment to the episcopacy at a meeting in connection with the election of the new Education Authority, which was held in the Free Church Hall, Oban. Provost Black presided, and the platform party included his Lordship the Bishop, a number of Protestant clergymen, and other prominent local people. The chairman, referring to the appointment of Bishop Martin to the See of Argyll and the Isles, said that a more popular selection could not have been made."

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

May 30.

A number of children will receive their First Holy Communion on next Sunday.

The mission now being conducted in St. Mary's Church by the Marist Missioners was opened on Sunday at the 10 o'clock Mass. The children's mission, which had been given by Father Ainsworth, was concluded the same day by a general Communion of all the children of the parish. Father McCarthy arrived on Tuesday to assist in the mission. Large congregations throng the church and approach the Holy Table at each of the three Masses celebrated daily, thus affording ample proof of the success of the mission. At the evening devotions the powerful sermons preached by the eloquent missioners are listened to by crowded congregations.

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