

Intercolonial

Sister Aloystus, who died at the Mudjee Convent on December 21, was a native of Ballarat, and received her early education from the Sisters of Mercy in that city. For several years she attended the School of Mines, where she graduated with distinction in higher mathematics and civil engineering. Sister Aloystus, who was 45 years of age, entered Mudjee Convent in 1894, and was professed in 1897.

The many friends of the Rev. P. J. Shanahan, pastor of the Pyramid parish, will regret to hear of his death, which occurred on December 21, after a brief illness (says the *Melbourne Tribune*). The rev. gentleman, who was only 36 years of age, and a nephew of the Very Rev. Father Shanahan, of Hamilton, was a native of Limerick.

The Good Shepherd Convent, which has been widowed of its Mother Superior since the death of the late lamented Mother Mary of St. Magdalen (says the *Tasmanian Monitor*), has received news of the appointment to the position of Rev. Mother of Sister Mary of our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Sister Assistant of the Good Shepherd Convent, Mount Magdala, Christchurch.

The new church at Erskineville (Sydney), which has been erected to the memory of the late Father Reginald Bridge, is a fitting memorial to a zealous and well-loved priest. It will be one of the finest churches in the State. Its proportions are 100ft long, 76ft wide, and 64ft high, and it will accommodate about 800 persons. The exterior design is modern Gothic, and the interior classic. The cost of construction is over £5000.

Mrs. Johanna O'Callaghan, a colonist of many decades, died on December 20, at the age of a hundred

years and nine months. Death took place at the residence of her only daughter, Mrs. Sydney Shackleton, of Coburg, Victoria. The deceased was a native of Cork, and came to Victoria in the ill-fated ship *Rodney*, which was later destroyed by fire.

Members of the committee of the recently-formed Newman Society, Melbourne, have since their appointment, attained a number of distinctions at the Melbourne University. Amongst these are Rev. Father W. Mangan, of Clifton Hill, the treasurer, who has secured the M.A. degree, and a place in the honor list class for logic and philosophy; Dr. Keane, the treasurer, who has won the University prize for forensic medicine; Dr. Noonan, who graduated with the highest honor men; and Mr. H. L. Shelton, who has won the degree of LL.M. There are two ladies on the committee—Miss Anna Brennan, LL.B., the first Australian lady law graduate, and Miss L. Barry, winner of the Hastie scholarship in logic and psychology.

Though an Irishman by birth, Mr. W. F. J. Fitzpatrick, Chief Railway Commissioner of Victoria, who was created a Companion of St. Michael and St. George recently, has spent most of his life in Victoria, and in the service of the department of which he is now head. He received his early education at St. Patrick's College, Melbourne, but before his 14th year he entered the railway service as a junior clerk. At 20 he was a station master. In 1894 he was appointed deputy-traffic manager, and in 1895 chief traffic manager. For six months, during the absence of Mr. John Mathieson, Mr. Fitzpatrick undertook the Commissioner's duties, and upon the departure of Mr. Mathieson in 1900 he was made Acting-Commissioner. He became Commissioner in 1903, and towards the end of 1908 he succeeded Sir Thomas Tait as Chief Commissioner.

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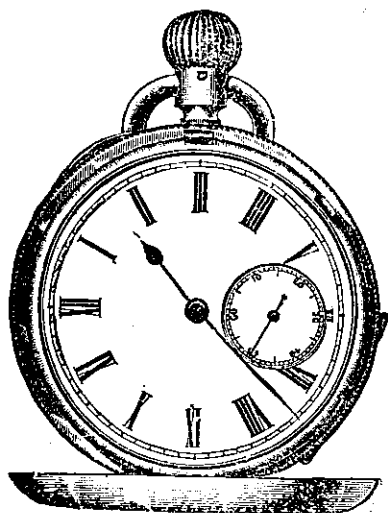
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