

Intercolonial

The Governor-General's appeal on behalf of St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, has reached close on £4000, and the sum of £1500 is still required to get the Government subsidy of £2000.

A handsome marble altar for the new church at Bairnsdale has been donated by a Melbourne lady (Mrs. Dan Slattery), formerly a parishioner of Bairnsdale. The altar will cost about £400.

Very Rev. Father W. Quilter, Administrator of St. Francis' Church, Melbourne, is at present an inmate of St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Sydney. Father Quilter has undergone an operation, performed by Sir A. MacCormack, and is progressing favorably.

The appointment of the Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., to the Philippines, made some little time back, has been cancelled. Official notification has been received from the Provincial, Very Rev. Father Walsh, C.S.S.R., of Limerick, to the effect that Father Grogan is to remain in Perth.

Who says that the age of faith is gone? (says the *W.A. Record*). A family journeys daily 9 miles to the Wagin Convent School, which is now in full swing with close on 60 pupils. This grand act is only equalled by another at the time of the Bishop's visit there for Confirmation. Then a mother and her two boys travelled 42 miles on the Sunday morning to the ten o'clock Mass, at which they received Holy Communion.

Rev. Brother J. P. O'Mullane, of the Christian Brothers' College, Perth, who has been in Western Australia since 1900, has left for Nudgee College in Queensland. Brother O'Mullane is one of the best-known of the Christian Brothers in Australia. About five years ago he celebrated the golden jubilee of his religious profession, and of the 50 years over 20 have been spent in Australia.

By the death of James Graham O'Connor, which occurred at 'Mayfield,' Waratah, is removed one of the most striking figures in the Catholic world of New South Wales during the past half-century, and the Church in Australia loses a veteran fighter who was always to the front to champion her cause, and who stood by her loyally through all the vicissitudes she has undergone in that State. He was as well, if not better, known as the leader and champion of the Irish party in the Commonwealth.

The successful candidates from Catholic educational establishments, who passed the junior public examination in connection with Sydney University, numbered 267, out of a total 632 from the whole of the schools of the State. The following Catholic schools were amongst those securing the highest number of passes:—Christian Brothers' High School (Lewisham), 23; Christian Brothers' College (Waverley), 17; St. Stanislaus' College (Bathurst), 17; St. Joseph's College (Hunter's Hill), 15; De La Salle College (Armidale), 14; St. Ignatius' College (Riverview), 14; Christian Brothers' College, (Goulburn), 13; St. Aloysius' College, 12; St. Vincent's College (Potts Point), 12; Marist Brothers' School (Darlinghurst), 10.

In accordance with a letter recently received from Propaganda (says the *Adelaide Southern Cross*), in reply to the Archbishop's request for a Coadjutor, a meeting of the clergy entitled to deal with the matter was held at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. There were ten of the senior clergy present, his Grace the Archbishop presiding, and the Rev. R. P. Denny acting as secretary. Three names were chosen by ballot as *dignissimus*, *dignior*, and *dignus*. These names will be considered and reported on by the Bishops of the province and the Metropolitans of Australia, and will then be forwarded to Propaganda with their recommendations. Propaganda will consider the names, and make a recommendation to the Holy Father, with whom the final appointment rests. It may, therefore, be some months before it is made. In the meantime the names selected, by special instruction from Rome, must be kept secret; and therefore the mention of names in

the secular press is purely speculative and devoid of any authority.

At the Diocesan Synod held on July 30 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, his Grace the Archbishop conferred the title of Doctor of Divinity on the Very Rev. H. McDermott (President of St. Patrick's College, Manly), and the Rev. Thomas Heydon (Vice-president). The office of Pro-Chancellor of the Archdiocese was confided to the Rev. James Whyte. Doctors McDermott and Heydon have been Professors of the college since its foundation, and the conferring of these honors may be regarded as the first of the celebrations in connection with the silver jubilee of the college, which will take place within a few months. The ceremony was performed by his Grace in the sanctuary at St. Mary's after the Synodal Mass. Immediately after the ceremony his Grace the Archbishop handed the keys of the archives of the Archdiocese to the new Pro-Chancellor, Rev. James Whyte.

On July 29 (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Catholic Press*), his Excellency the Governor presented Brother Barrett with a purse of 500 sovereigns, that sum being a testimonial from past pupils and friends. It will be remembered that when the presentation was first mooted our grand old man of the Christian Brothers made the movement conditional upon the proceeds being devoted to the building of a science school at Nudgee College. In consequence of this two resolutions were moved at the gathering. Sir William McGregor first moved—'That this representative meeting of citizens tender hearty congratulations to Brother Joseph Barrett, on the attainment of his golden jubilee as a Christian Brother.' His Honor Mr. Justice Real seconded this, and Mr. P. W. Shannon (Under-Secretary for Lands) supported it. The Hon. J. W. Blair moved—'That the amount subscribed for the jubilee memorial be amplified so as to supply the necessary additions to Nudgee College.' Brother Barrett is a link between the old and the new. He was one of the pioneers of his Order in Australia, and he has seen the establishments under the control of the Brotherhood grow from very humble circumstances into something to be genuinely proud of.

Wanganui

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The following results of the theory examination of the Associated Board, held in Wanganui on June 7, have come to hand:—Local Centre—Rudiments (maximum 99, pass 66), Clare Williams, 95. School Rudiments, June Alderton, 96. Primary—Ellen Punch, 97; Olive Nixon, 96; Eileen Clinton, 93; Gertie Neylon, 93; Ella Rhodes, 82; Maud Fitzwater, 70; Miri Fraser, 67. The above are pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent, Mt. St. Joseph, Wanganui.

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