

Intercolonial

Mr. Vernon Redwood, of Toowoomba, has obtained judgment for £500 and costs against the *Darling Downs Gazette* for libel.

The Rev. Father John A. Roche, who has been on a health trip to New Zealand, has returned to Sydney (says the *Freeman's Journal*). Father Roche has been appointed to Lewisham as assistant to the Rev. J. Phelan.

Rev. Dr. O'Mahony, the well-known editor of the *Tasmanian Monitor*, is an inmate of St. Margaret's Hospital. His health is far from satisfactory (says the *Monitor*), and it will be some time before the rev. gentleman will be able to leave that institution.

The Rev. Dom Peter Klotz, O.S.B., of St. Peter's Abbey, Salzburg, is at present on a visit to West Australia. Father Klotz, who is a distinguished member of the Authors' Union of Austria, is a native of the Tyrol, and has travelled extensively throughout the world. This is his first visit to Australia.

Murderous tribes attacked the peaceful Catholic Mission in the Mafalu district, Papua. Four mission boys were attacked. One was spared, and the body was found cut to pieces. The mission Fathers appealed to the Government for help, and an armed patrol was at once ordered to the scene of the disturbances.

Two thousand persons heard the debate on Monday evening, September 29, in the Auditorium Hall, Melbourne, between the Rev. J. Nicholson and Mr. T. C. Brennan, representing the Catholic Federation, on the question of the claims of the Catholics for State aid in regard to their schools. As no vote was taken, the proceedings simply closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

News from Uralla (Maitland) records the death of Mr. Francis Cooke, at the age of 86 years. A native of Tipperary, he served in the Royal Irish Constabulary, and on the outbreak of the war in the Crimea joined the Coldstream Guards, and was with the colors till peace was proclaimed. He came to Maitland in 1860, was one of the founders of St. John's Guild, and for years was teacher of the Christian Doctrine Confraternity.

A new edifice is needed to replace the present All Saints' Church, Bowraville (Lismore), and lately Rev. Father J. J. Durkin has received several bequests for the purpose. An old man named John Fowler, who was found dead in his hut recently, made a will only a few days before his death, and he bequeathed all his property, estimated at between £1100 and £1200, to the fund. A Bowraville lady, lately deceased, left £100 for bells for the church, and a third bequest for a considerable amount was left by another resident for an altar.

The bazaar to reduce the debt on St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield, was opened by Miss Edeline Strickland on September 27. Father Gannon, after extending a welcome to Sir Gerald and Miss Strickland, remarked that St. Vincent's had the reputation of being a very wealthy church, but it was only after twenty years of continuous and hard work that they had succeeded in completing one of the finest ecclesiastical edifices in Australia, also splendid schools. A sum of £17,000 had been spent on the church and schools, but there still remained a debt of £1900. When that was paid it was their intention to proceed with the erection of new boys' schools.

The ranks of the Jesuit Fathers in Australia have been considerably thinned recently by death and the departure of scholastics for Europe to complete their studies for the priesthood (says the *Catholic Press*). By the Omrah last week arrived the Rev. Fathers Burke and Sullivan, Rev. M. Tucker, M.A., and

Brother Jackson, late secretary of the Jesuit Provincial in Ireland. Rev. M. Tucker goes to Xavier College, Melbourne, and Father Burke to St. Patrick's College, in the same city. Father Sullivan has joined the staff at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, with which he and Father Burke were previously connected from 1900-1905. During these years Father Sullivan was, in addition to belonging to the senior classical and mathematical staff, president and vice-president of rowing club. For the past eight years he has been engaged in the study of philosophy, theology, and science of education in England, Ireland, Germany, and Italy.

While saying a short farewell to the congregation of St. Francis Xavier's on Sunday, August 17, prior to his departure for Rome, his Lordship Bishop Kelly took occasion to review the progress made by the diocese of Geraldton since its erection, some fifteen years ago. A detailed statement, which he read out, went to show that in this short period there have been erected no fewer than 80 buildings dedicated to diocesan purposes—namely, 28 churches, 18 convents, 14 schools, and 25 presbyteries. Many of these buildings, it is hardly necessary to say, are of a simple and inexpensive character, and three or four, being located in the Vicariate of Kimberley, which about six years ago was detached from the diocese of Geraldton, can no longer be numbered among diocesan properties. Yet, these facts notwithstanding, the Bishop is probably quite correct in his contention (says *The Sower*) that Geraldton's record of actual achievements in the period mentioned has seldom been surpassed by any of the younger and poorer dioceses of Australia. The list here given excludes all buildings already in existence when the diocese was founded.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Hayden (vice-president of St. Patrick's Ecclesiastical College) was setting out the claims of the Catholics of New South Wales for State aid for their schools and charitable institutions, at the opening of the branch of the Catholic Federation at Manly on Sunday, September 28, when he dealt vigorously with the wholesale introduction of immoral literature into the country. Strong efforts, he said, would have to be made to purify the conditions of affairs, and to suppress this very undesirable class of literature. He had learned on good authority that there was annually imported into this country four or five tons of immoral literature from England and the Continent. Such a state of affairs should not be tolerated. They should educate public opinion until the fact was brought home to everybody that the real remedy for the evil of reading impure and immoral literature lay in giving children a sound religious education. The Catholic Federation was formed to encourage the Catholic laity to band together and fight for justice. Just as the Australian fleet was formed for the protection and upholding of Australian rights, so, metaphorically speaking, there was a navy needed by the Catholics to purify the people's literature, educate public opinion, and secure for themselves the respect, freedom, and justice that was theirs by right, and for which they would continue to strive until success was obtained.

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