

# Commonwealth Notes

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Michael Sheehan, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Sydney, was accorded a civic welcome on the occasion of his recent visit to Katoomba. His Grace was accompanied from Sydney by Mr. Martin. The mayor and mayoress met the Archbishop at the municipal boundary, and welcomed his Grace. Preceded by the mayor's car, and followed by a fleet of over 20 others, the Archbishop's car, flying his episcopal colors, purple and gold, reached St. Canice's Church. Here his Grace was met by Rev. St. Clair Bridge, P.P., and escorted to the church, where the mayor (Ald. McBride) presented the Most Rev. Prelate with an address couched in reverent and respectful terms. Reference in it was made to the ripe scholarship of his Grace, who replied in felicitous terms. The object of the Archbishop's visit was to open a bazaar that proved to be a gratifying success. The Mayor in welcoming his Grace to the town, said he did so, not only as a Catholic, but in the name of the citizens of Katoomba. He said he felt more than honored to welcome his Grace, not only as a prelate of the Church, but as one of the most distinguished men of culture in the civilised world to-day.

Amid the grief of his Kurri Kurri parishioners, the death of their revered pastor, Rev. Father Hugh Cullen, occurred recently at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He had been ill for some months, and entered the hospital a few weeks ago. Having rallied for a time, under treatment, great hopes were held for his recovery, until a change for the worse took place. Father Cullen was ordained at St. Kieran's Ecclesiastical College, Kilkenny, Ireland, more than forty years ago. He shortly afterwards came to Australia, and was attached to the diocese of Maitland. He was for ten years in the parish of Hamilton, under the Rev. Father O'Donohue. He also did service at Muswellbrook and Cessnock. When the parish of Kurri Kurri was constituted in 1910 he was appointed the rector, a position which he had retained. He was a zealous worker, especially among the sick, and did great service in Kurri Kurri during the influenza epidemic a few years ago. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place after a Requiem Mass at the Mission Hall, Kurri Kurri. His Lordship Dr. Dwyer (Bishop of Maitland) presided at the solemn obsequies. His Lordship paid an eloquent and graceful tribute to the life-labors of the deceased priest, who, he said, had given himself unreservedly to the people.

The Rev. Francis Flynn, D.D., the zealous pastor of Wodonga, the other week celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood. There was a succession of festivities to mark the event. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the jubilarian. The deacon and sub-deacon, were two young priests who were formerly pupils of St. Augustine's School, Wodonga—Fathers Awburn and P. W. Rohan. A large number of clergy were present, among them being the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, Bishop of Maitland.

## VICTORIA.

The respected pastor of St. Mary's parish, West Melbourne, the Very Rev. Dean Carey, P.P., will celebrate his sacerdotal golden jubilee on May 2—fifty years of fruitful work. He has left many enduring monuments to mark his successful pastorate in various parishes in the archdiocese. During his Coadjutorship, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix was attached to West Melbourne, which parish Dean Carey relinquished in his Grace's favor. On succeeding to the See, his Grace recalled Dean Carey from Brunswick to his former parish of West Melbourne. By clergy and laity throughout Australia, the Dean is held in the highest regard.

The following (says the *Melbourne Tribune*) are the members of the Redemptorist Community at St. Mary's, Wendouree (Ballarat):—Very Rev. Albert E. Kelly, C.S.S.R., Rector; Rev. Fathers Thomas Roche, C.S.S.R.; William Bannon, C.S.S.R.; William O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R.; John Treacy, C.S.S.R.; John Duggan, C.S.S.R.; and Thomas McManus, C.S.S.R.

At the Sale Town Council meeting on Monday evening, January 26, Cr. Bolitho moved—"That this Council of the town of Sale, on behalf of the citizens records its keen sense of loss sustained by the death of Bishop Phelan, and we desire to extend our sympathy to all those of our townspeople who owe allegiance to the great Church of which the late Bishop was the worthy acknowledged head in Gippsland." In submitting the motion, Cr. Bolitho said the Council deplored the loss of a great townsman, who gave every evidence that he had the advancement of the town and district at heart, and one whose works would ever remain a monument to his activities. The late Bishop had passed away at the consummation of his many activities, not having lived long enough to see the benefit of his labors. In seconding the motion, which was unanimously carried, Cr. Stevens said that Bishop Phelan was above all things anxious for the education of the rising generation. The erection of St. Patrick's College and other educational institutions was proof of his zeal in that direction. He was broad-minded, having no petty feelings against any class in the community. The Mayor (Cr. Cullinan) said that he deeply appreciated the motion personally, and on behalf of his co-religionists. He assured the Council that the late Bishop's death created a break such as they could hardly realise. It was difficult to express a sense of the loss that was felt in the death of their Bishop.

Dr. Mary Glowrey, a graduate of the Melbourne University, who was a prominent worker in Melbourne Catholic social circles, and was one of the founders of the Catholic Women's Guild, decided a couple of years ago to take up Catholic medical mission work in India. She has taken her final religious vows in Guntur, South India, as a member of the Order of the Sisters of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

## WEST AUSTRALIA.

The other week the Victoria Square Sisters celebrated the jubilees of seven members of their Order, one the diamond jubilee of Sister M. Vincent, who is hale and hearty after her sixty long years in the Order. This venerable Sister is a West Australian by birth, and it is safe to say that she has the distinction of being the first vocation in West Australia. His Grace the Archbishop of Perth (the Most Rev. Dr. Clune, C.S.S.R.) celebrated Pontifical High Mass at the Mercy Convent on the occasion of the jubilees.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The new convent school of St. Joseph was opened on Sunday afternoon, January 25, by his Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide, who said the Sisters of St. Joseph had come to Murray Bridge to educate the children in the fullest sense of the word. He added that the State school had no right to use the word "educate," but should substitute the word "instruct," as the State system instructed the mind and developed the body, but there its work ended. There was, however, more than a mind and a body; there was a soul, which lived after the body had died, and that soul would ultimately become an inhabitant of heaven or hell. The soul was not touched by the State system of secular education, but God wanted that soul educated, and he had no hesitation in saying what was the belief of his Church that the system of education used by the State was not a proper system of education, as it did not educate fully. On the other hand, Catholic education did fully educate the body, the mind, and the soul, and boys from Catholic colleges and girls from Catholic schools could hold their own in the field of sport and in mental equipment; but, furthermore, on account of their moral education, they did not have recourse in after life to the divorce court and shunned birth control.



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