

# Commonwealth Notes

## VICTORIA.

During the mayoralty of Cr. M. D. Kennedy in Richmond, a citizens' scholarship movement was inaugurated, open to children attending the various schools in Richmond, which include five State schools. The result of the recent examination for the 1925 scholarship has just been made known, and it is gratifying that the first three places have been taken by scholars attending St. Ignatius' School. The winner, Master Cunningham, and the runner-up, Master Phelan, were unable to take advantage of the citizens' scholarship, as they had qualified for the State scholarships, and the third on the list, Master O'Keefe, becomes the holder of the citizens' scholarship. A competitive examination was held, and it speaks well for the high standard of teaching at St. Ignatius' School that the first three places should have been filled by pupils attending this school.

Last Friday (says the Melbourne Advocate for February 26) his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate consecrated St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne, and the beautiful new marble altar. On Sunday at 11 o'clock, Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Right Rev. Dr. Coppo, and his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate and his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne were present. The distinguished ecclesiastics were welcomed on arrival at St. Mary's by the Very Rev. Dean Carey, P.P., and the men of the parish formed a guard of honor. In the evening the Right Rev. Dr. Coppo preached to a crowded congregation. At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Dr. Coppo will speak at all the Masses on missionary work among the aborigines in his extensive diocese of Kimberley. The vicariate covers an area of 500,000 square miles, and Bishop Coppo and Salesian Fathers are making wonderful progress in their missionary labors. The work is of special interest to the Australian people, and Dr. Coppo will appeal for support.

The mayor of Sale (Cr. Cullinan) presided over a large meeting of the young men of the parish the other Sunday, when initial steps were taken to establish a young men's club. The mayor, in an earnest address, appealed to the young men of the parish to band themselves together for their spiritual, social, and intellectual advantage; the need for a "rallying point" for the lads and young men of the parish was great. The project had the cordial approval of the Administrator. The mayor, in conclusion, made touching reference to the fact that the pioneers of the parish had all, or nearly all, passed to their reward, and that the work of the Church in the Cathedral parish of Sale must be shouldered by the native born. Henceforth, to effectively develop their duties as Catholics, they must band themselves together. The work should be the work of the many rather than the few. The mayor was loudly applauded for his remarks, and the project was enthusiastically taken up. A sub-committee was formed to draw up rules, and the organisation was to be launched at a meeting to be held on Sunday, March 8.

The interment of the late Right Rev. Dr. Phelan, Bishop of Sale, took place in his native village of Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. The remains of the deceased prelate, who had died on January 5, were, two days later, removed from Dublin to Johnstown. The coffin was placed on a catafalque before the altar in the parish church, and until the interment a guard of honor of members of the local C.Y.M.S., in which the deceased took a keen interest, stood by the bier. The last sad rites took place (says the Irish Independent) with all the dignity and solemnity befitting the burial of a great Churchman and a distinguished Irishman. All classes and creeds united in a great manifestation of sympathy and regret, and practically all the people from the immediate neighborhood wore emblems of mourning. After the religious ceremonies the burial took place in a plot in the church grounds. The coffin was carried to the church door by a number of priests. The Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, presided at the sacred ceremonies. The celebrant of the High Mass was Rev. M. J. Phelan, S.J. (brother of deceased). Amongst those present in the choir were:—The Right Rev. Dr. Hackett, Bishop of Waterford; the Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Kildare, and Leighlin, and nearly seventy priests. The Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, assisted by the other bishops and priests, officiated at the graveside. Messrs. E. J. Duggan, T.D., and Paul Banim represented the Government, and Commdt. P. J. Murphy, A.D.C., represented President Cosgrave, who was a personal friend of the deceased. The attendance of the general public was representative of all classes in Kilkenny and the adjoining counties.

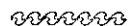
## QUEENSLAND.

Hot weather in Queensland over the week-end caused the deaths of several people (says an exchange for February 26). Cyclonic conditions reigned at Chinchilla, a town west of Toowoomba, on Saturday evening last. Though the storm was only of three minutes' duration, it left behind a trail of devastation and destruction. Trees were uprooted, tanks blown away, and houses unroofed and demolished. The Catholics of Chinchilla, which is within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, suffered a most severe loss in the destruction of Angels' Guardian Church, which was completely wrecked. Two girls were in the church when it collapsed. One girl was able to crawl out from under the piled-up debris, but the second girl, named Tennyson, was found to be badly injured, and subsequently died. The unfortunate victim, Miss Tennyson, was a much-respected young lady of a very devotional nature. Her marked piety was frequently a subject for local comment.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Having received a cablegram to the effect that the Father-General, Most Rev. P. E. Magennis, O.C.C., wanted him in Rome to undertake research work in the Vatican Library, Rev. Father McCaffrey will leave

Australia by the Maloja on March 19 (says the Southern Cross for February 27). In conjunction with parochial work, Father McCaffrey has been engaged for the past 18 months in collecting material for the history of the Carmelite Order in the English-speaking world, and that work is already well advanced. The history will be divided into two parts, the first part dealing with the history of the Order in the Holy Land before its coming to Europe; the second with its history from the year 1240 when Hulne Abbey, at Alnwick, Northumberland, and the Aylesford Monastery, Kent, were founded in England. The development of the Order is traced up to the destructive period of the Reformation, when almost every Carmelite monastery in England (55), Ireland (3), Scotland (13), and Wales (4) were razed to the ground. The revival in Ireland at the close of the Penal Law period and the branching out of the Irish Province to America and Australia will also be treated of. Father McCaffrey's last appearance in Adelaide will be at the Irish National Association's St. Patrick's celebration in March 14, when he will propose the toast of "The Day We Celebrate."



## TASMANIA.

Speaking recently at the opening of a new convent school at Deloraine, his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Barry, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Hobart, said: There is scarcely any country in the world that has made such sacrifices for education as Australia. We are an organised body—socially, educationally, religiously. We pay our proportion to the State and more than our part to the country. We have expended this money freely; we give to the State the best value because if the children serve God, they will serve the State; therefore, I congratulate your Parish Priest, community and people. This is your school, the hope of the place. I, therefore, earnestly appeal to the people to show that they can prove to the whole community the essential value of Catholic education. It is the inheritance of your children; it is to help to train them in the way they should go—and this is to be a fine manifestation of the love and sacrifice that is to be the outstanding characteristic of our Australians. We have expended the money freely and generously in erecting the school. The Sisters have their established influence. I wish, therefore, to congratulate you all, and hope that the children will be worthy of the school. I extend further my congratulations to the Sisters of Mercy, who for 30 years, have labored here for you and your children. Their influence has been reaching far and wide in our fair little Island, and is still radiating around their pupils present and past. You have shown your appreciation of their work in a practical way, seeing that you have given them better facilities to carry on their grand work.

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