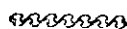


Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

On Sunday, November 8, his Grace Archbishop Kelly honored the Maronite community by presiding at High Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father A. Yazbeck, assisted by the Right Rev. Monsignor J. Dahdah. After the Gospel, his Grace delivered an eloquent and most instructive address, in which he laid down the Rules of the Mission to be maintained by the clergy and laity of St. Maroun's Church, and his Grace's words went through to the hearts of all those present. His Grace then declared Monsignor Dahdah Chief of the Mission. In responding, Monsignor Dahdah, who whilst on a visit to his native land, was consecrated Choir-Bishop by his Beatitude the Patriarch of Antioch, assured his Grace of the fidelity of the Maronites to the Holy See and of the obedience of the clergy and laity of St. Maroun's Church to his Grace's wishes.

November 9 marked the twenty-fourth anniversary of the arrival of his Grace Dr. Kelly, Archbishop of Sydney, in his Cathedral city, as Coadjutor to the late Cardinal Moran. Among those who assembled to meet him on that occasion were the late Senator R. E. O'Connor and Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan, representing the Federal and State Governments respectively.



VICTORIA.

The Very Rev. Father J. Kerin, Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, lately celebrated the 25th anniversary of his Ordination as a priest. Congratulations were showered upon him by parishioners and by representatives of all denominations.

The effort to raise £100,000 to increase the accommodation at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, it is understood, will be more than successful. All classes, creeds, and nationalities are uniting in the good work.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, who led the Australasian Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome, is returning by the Orsova. His Grace will leave the vessel at Adelaide, where a delegation of priests will assemble to accompany him back to Melbourne, which will be reached on Sunday morning, December 20 (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Catholic Press*). His Grace will be officially welcomed in the evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral, when addresses from the clergy, laity, and various Catholic societies will be presented. On Tuesday, December 22, the clergy of the archdiocese will accord a special welcome to the Archbishop. Very Rev. Dean Carey was unanimously elected as chairman of the reception committee, with the Rev. Father J. McNamara and the Rev. N. A. Clack as secretaries.

The solemn consecration of St. Michael's beautiful church at North Melbourne took place recently, the impressive ceremony being performed by his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst, Right Rev. Dr. McCarthy, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Martin, P.P., Rev. Father J. Norris, P.P., and the Rev. Father N. Morrissey. St. Michael's parish

was originally part of West Melbourne, but, owing to the increase in the Catholic population, was in the year 1903, erected into a separate parish, with the Rev. Father J. Norris, as its pastor, whose first work was to replace the old church-school by a fine brick building on a commanding site in Dryburgh Street, upon which over £40,000 has been expended. The foundation stone of St. Michael's Church was blessed in July, 1907, by the late Archbishop Carr, the opening of the sacred edifice taking place early in the following December. A fine presbytery was erected in 1914, and four years later a primary school, parish hall, and club-rooms, completed a record of activity that has seldom been equalled in such a comparatively short space of time by any other parish in the archdiocese. Three magnificent marble altars complete the artistic beauty of the sanctuary of St. Michael's, the central panel of the High Altar being adorned with a life-like representation of the Last Supper, sculptured in pure white marble.

A Solemn Requiem Office and Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Monastery, Wendouree, Ballarat, for the repose of the soul of the late Brother Felix, C.S.S.R., who died in St. John's Hospital after a prolonged illness. He was the first Australian to become a Redemptorist lay-brother, and was most highly respected by all who came in touch with him.



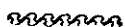
QUEENSLAND.

The Rev. Father Dempsey, a Maynooth priest from the Archdiocese of Dublin, arrived in Brisbane recently. With the permission of the Archbishop of Dublin, Father Dempsey has come out to take up work under Archbishop Duhig.

The Rev. Father T. J. Nolan, who went to Rome with the Australian pilgrimage in the early part of the year, has returned to Queensland. The silver jubilee of his ordination will be celebrated in Dalby during the last week of November.

The Revs. M. Dolan and T. O'Rourke, who reached Brisbane from Ireland recently, were ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin. The former will be stationed in Rockhampton and the latter in Brisbane.

Most Rev. Dr. Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane, will have a busy time up to Christmas. On November 29 he will open the beautiful new church at Coorparoo. On December 6 he will lay the foundation stone for the new convent to be built for the Sisters of Adoration, at the corner of Leichhardt and Warren Street. December 13 has been fixed for the opening of the fine new convent at Nambour, and the 20th for the opening of the new church at Chinchilla.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The South Australian Grand Opera season, which was concluded this week (says the *Southern Cross* for November 13), provided a series of brilliant musical successes during the last three weeks. It is a matter of pride to Adelaide that such talent was to be found among her young citizens. The chorus work

was especially fine throughout, and several Catholic singers filled important roles. Among these were Signor Molinari, Misses Eileen Walsh and Nina Petri, Messrs. Vincent McMurray and Daniel Pedler. Adelaide hopes that financial results will encourage the management to establish the opera on a permanent basis.

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