

INTERCOLONIAL

The Rev Father J Dalton, S.J., of St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, is now in his 88th year.

Of the £2500 left to Sydney charities by Sir D. Cooper, St Vincent's Hospital receives £500, St Joseph's £25, Lewisham £50.

The Rev Father D McCarthy, C.M., left Sydney by the R.M.S. 'Ontona' on July 16 for Ireland. Brother Hardley, a lay Brother of the Vincentian Order, accompanied Father McCarthy.

The foundation stone of a new school at Ashfield, to replace the one that had been destroyed by fire, was laid on Sunday, July 17, by Cardinal Moran. The new building will cost about £1700. The collection at the ceremony amounted to over £650.

A few weeks ago representatives from the various societies at Hawthorn (Vic) called upon the Rev. Father O'Flinn, S.J., to congratulate him on attaining his 82nd birthday. He has been in Hawthorn for 29 years.

The Rev Father A Marron, S.M., has been appointed Provincial of the Marist Fathers in the place of the Right Rev. Dr. Oler, S.M., late Provincial and now Coadjutor-Bishop of Tonga. Father Marion is now stationed at Leubria, and was procurator of the Mission in the Fijian Islands. He will come to Sydney as early as possible, and will take up his residence at Villa Maria. The late Very Rev. Father P. Le Ronnetel, S.M., was Vice-provincial.

The Coadjutor-Bishop of Hobart (Dr Delany) has addressed an appeal to the priests and people of Tasmania for support in supplying priests to the diocese. The sudden thinning in the ranks of the clergy within the last four months, his Lordship says, makes it imperative to take the matter in hand. Arrangements have been made to obtain additional priests from Ireland, and monetary obligations incurred must be met.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir Malcolm McEatharn, was given a very cordial send-off prior to his trip to Europe. The banquet was attended by a very representative gathering, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Madden presiding. Amongst the array of guests in attendance was that from his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who expressed the opinion that the citizens of Melbourne in honoring Sir Malcolm McEatharn were doing honor to themselves.

Speaking at Annandale recently Cardinal Moran pointed out that a sum of £220,000 had been spent on St Mary's Cathedral, a small comparative debt remaining a few months ago of £11,000. Of that sum £1500 had already been paid, and so with the generosity of their people he was confident that at the close of St Mary's Fair not a penny of the debt would remain. A great many people not in their diocese at all saluted the Mother Church. In a few weeks St Mary's Fair would be held. He didn't know whether to hold a local Fair or to hold a stall at St Mary's. It was the desire of the general committee that everyone in that diocese should be afforded an opportunity of assisting. He did not know how many thousands of years the world was going to last. Some scientists held that the world was coming to an end soon, others that it was only beginning, but so long as the world lasts, so long would St Mary's endure as a monument to their piety and a tribute to their affection and zeal in behalf of the Most High.

In the course of an address on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a school at Ashfield, his Eminence Cardinal Moran said: Some time ago when engaged in one of those usual Sunday works he stated that they had erected within the past 20 years something like 80 parochial schools in the archdiocese. It was an off-hand statement, and its object was to show that whilst they were building churches they did not neglect the training of the children. On a closer examination he found that instead of exceeding the number he was under it, and the new school which would be added there would leave the number 88 upon it. It would be the 88th erected since his advent amongst them. This was a propitious number. They knew that famous Irish regiment the 88th—was known as Faugh-a-ballach. Some of them, perhaps, might not understand the meaning of the designation. Well, it meant 'clear the way.' That distinguished regiment held a foremost place amongst all competitors, whether they were Irish, English or Scotch. It was always foremost in the face of danger, and in attaining the grandest results. Hence it seemed that the number 88 would be a specially appropriate one for their new model school.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- August 7, Sunday—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. St. Cajetan, Confessor
- „ 8, Monday—St. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs.
- „ 9, Tuesday.—St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.
- „ 10, Wednesday—St. Lawrence, Martyr
- „ 11, Thursday—St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.
- „ 12, Friday.—St. Clare, Virgin.
- „ 13, Saturday—St. Philomena, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Cajetan, Confessor.

St. Cajetan, the son of wealthy parents in the north of Italy, was remarkable for his charity to the poor. On the death of his parents he expended a great part of his patrimony in the establishment of hospitals and pious associations for the relief of the sick and the indigent, the remainder he divided between the poor and those of his relations who were in straitened circumstances. In conjunction with Archbishop Caraffa, afterwards Pope Paul IV., he founded the religious Congregation of Theatines. He died in 1517, worn out by labors and austerities.

St. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs.

St. Cyriacus was a Roman deacon, who, with 22 others, suffered a glorious martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian, A.D. 303.

St. Emygdus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Emygdus, a native of Rhenish Prussia, was consecrated Bishop of Asalon by Pope Marcellus. After a saintly life, memorable for the miracles which God wrought through his instrumentality, he was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian.

St. Lawrence, Martyr

St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr, was born near Huesca, Spain. He was the chief among the seven deacons of the Roman Church. In the year 258 Pope Sixtus was led out to die, and St. Lawrence stood by, weeping that he could not share his fate. The holy Pope comforted him with the words 'Do not weep, my son, in three days you will follow me.' This prophecy came true. The prefect of the city knew the rich offerings which the Christians put into the hands of the clergy, and he demanded the treasures of the Roman Church from Lawrence, their guardian. The saint promised, at the end of three days, to show him riches exceeding all the wealth of the empire, and set about collecting the poor, the infirm, and the religious who lived by the alms of the faithful. He then bade the prefect 'see the treasures of the Church.' Christ, whom Lawrence had served in his poor, gave him strength in the conflict which ensued. Roasted over a slow fire, he made short of his pains. 'I am done enough,' he said, 'eat if you will.' His remains were buried in the Catacombs of Campo Verano. Constantine built over his tomb a basilica, which is one of the five patriarchal churches and one of the seven principal stations.

St. Sixtus II., Pope and Martyr.

St. Sixtus, a Greek by birth, ruled the Church for about a year. He was beheaded three days before St. Lawrence, in 258.

St. Clare, Virgin

St. Clare of Assisi, who renounced wealth and rank to embrace the religious state, was remarkable for her love of poverty and her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She became, under the direction of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of a very strict religious Order, the members of which practised the most rigorous austerities. She died in her 60th year, A.D. 1253.

St. Philomena, Virgin.

St. Philomena was one of those countless martyrs who sealed their faith with their blood in the persecution of the Roman Emperors. The date and manner of her death are uncertain.

The Rev. Father R. Corbett, lately of Carcoar, who has been appointed to Bathurst, was presented the other day with an illuminated address and purse of sovereigns by the Mayor of Carcoar (Alderman J. G. Derwin), the presentation being made at SS. Michael and John's Presbytery, Bathurst.