

## INTERCOLONIAL

The Very Rev. Father Healy, Superior in Ireland of the Order of the Holy Ghost, is at present on a visit to Sydney.

Bishop Corbett, of Sale, in his Lenten Pastoral, discourages the practice of sending flowers as tokens of esteem for the departed.

The Rev. James Walsh, of Gunnedah, has been appointed to succeed the late Very Rev. Dean O'Sullivan, P.P., V.F., in charge of the Gunnedah district.

The City Council of Sydney's estimated receipts this year are £245,536, and the estimated expenditure, £250,007; shortage, £1571. The rates will still stand at 1s 9d.

Mr. J. Rigney, of East Maitland, who recently gave an acre of ground for church purposes at Abermain, has donated £100 to the Kurri Kurri church, conditionally on the sum of £200 being subscribed.

The estate of the late Mr. Andrew Tobin, of 'Wingadee,' Coonamble, and of St. Kilda, Melbourne, has been proved for just under £120,000. The will was not unmindful of the claims of charity and religion.

Messrs. J. D. Fitzgerald (editor of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal'), G. M. Prendergast (leader of the Victorian Labor Opposition), Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan, and Senator Higgs (says an exchange) worked side by side on the Sydney 'Daily Telegraph' in the early eighties as compositors.

Mrs. Lynch, of Yonbala (South Australia), claims to have been born in Ireland in 1799, and will celebrate her 106th birthday this month. The old lady is in splendid health, and often walks a distance of several miles to attend Mass. She came to South Australia with her husband in 1851.

A meeting of the executive of the Australian Catholic Truth Society was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on March 3rd, the Archbishop of Melbourne in the chair. Most gratifying accounts were received of the progress of the Society. Some 12,000 copies of the first set of publications have been circulated through the Commonwealth, New Zealand, and Fiji. As the initial expenses are somewhat heavy, the committee appeal to all who desire to aid the meritorious work of providing suitable reading for our people.

The Rev. Father J. J. Byrne, of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Wollongong, who has been appointed to the charge of St. Francis' Church, Haymarket, has been presented with an illuminated address by his parishioners. The Rev. Father P. J. Walsh, administrator St. Francis', Haymarket, succeeds Father Byrne at Wollongong. Rev. Father Hogan, of Manly College, goes to Mount Carmel, Waterloo, as assistant in place of Rev. Father D. Byrne, on holiday. Rev. Father Gunning, who has returned from a trip to Europe, goes back to Cooma, his former parish. The Rev. Father O'Gorman, of Cooma, contemplates a trip to restore his failing health.

An unique tribute was paid to Alderman Patrick Stanley by the Mayor and Aldermen of Redfern, on March 2, when his golden wedding was celebrated, by the presentation of an illuminated address expressive of every good wish to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. The presentation was made on behalf of the Council by the Mayor (Mr. C. Gorton). Mr. Stanley has for the past thirty odd years been an alderman of the borough of Redfern, and occupied its Mayoral chair for five successive years. The records show that Patrick Stanley and Elizabeth Regan (both of Meath, Ireland) were married by the late Dean Sheridan, O.S.B., in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on February 19, 1855.

The death of Mother Mary Ignatius Croke, sister of the late Archbishop of Cashel, took place in the Bathurst Convent on March 2. Mother Mary Ignatius, was one of seven Sisters of Mercy who accompanied the late Bishop Quinn from Ireland to form a community in Bathurst, and of the number who then commenced their labors the only two survivors are still actively engaged in the Bathurst Convent. They are Mother Mary Gertrude, the present Superior, and Mother Mary Stanislaus, Mother-Assistant. While throughout the whole Catholic community the death of Mother Ignatius will be felt, the severance of ties will be extremely painful to the two Sisters named, as they have labored side by side for about forty years. The deceased was born in Tralee, County Kerry, in 1819. One of her brothers, as previously stated, was the late Archbishop of Cashel, Dr. Croke. She also had two other brothers, who entered the priesthood, and her only sister was Mother Joseph, of Charleville, Ireland, who greatly distinguished herself as a nursing Sister at the Crimean War.

## Friends at Court

## GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- March 26, Sunday.—Third Sunday in Lent.  
 „ 27, Monday.—St. Rupert, Bishop and Confessor.  
 „ 28, Tuesday.—St. Sixtus III, Pope and Confessor.  
 „ 29, Wednesday.—St. John Damascene, Confessor and Doctor.  
 „ 30, Thursday.—St. John Capistran, Confessor.  
 „ 31, Friday.—Commemoration of the Five Wounds of Our Lord.  
 April 1, Saturday.—Feia.

## St. Rupert, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Rupert, a Frenchman, illustrious for his noble birth, but still more so for his many virtues, was Bishop of Salzburg in Bavaria, the inhabitants of which country he had converted to the True Faith. He died about the beginning of the seventh century.

## St. Sixtus III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Sixtus III. was Pope from 432 to 440. He was born and died at Rome. He labored with St. Cyril for the reunion of the Churches of the Orient.

## St. John Damascene, Confessor and Doctor.

St. John was born at Damascus, in Syria, which was then under the dominion of the Mahometans. So great was his reputation for integrity and prudence that on the death of his father, he was appointed, notwithstanding his religion, to the important post of Prime Minister of the Caliph. After some years he resigned this dignity, and placed himself under the direction of some holy monks near Damascus. He died about 780. St. John rendered great service to the Church by his writings against the Iconoclast heretics, whose doctrines he triumphantly refuted.

## St. John Capistran, Confessor.

This saint was a native of Italy. His wife dying, St. John, when 30 years of age, entered the Franciscan Order, and gave himself up to a life of great austerity, for 36 years hardly ever tasting meat. As a preacher he effected the conversion of the most obstinate sinners, and also brought to a successful termination many important missions entrusted to him by successive Popes. The crushing defeat of the Turks at Belgrade in 1456 is attributed, in great measure, to the zeal, courage, and activity of St. John. He died in the course of the same year, at the age of 71.

## Commemoration of the Five Wounds of Our Lord.

'He was wounded for our iniquities, He was bruised for our sins, the chastisement of our sins was upon Him, and by His bruises we are healed' (Isaias).

After an illness extending over two years, during which time he was unable to discharge any of his sacred duties, the Rev. Father F. A. Dunham, of Holy Cross Church, Woolloowin, died on March 2. The deceased priest was born in England on September 17, 1837, and was ordained at All Hallows' College, Dublin, on June 14, 1863. He was engaged in mission work in Liverpool for some seven years, and arrived in Brisbane in 1871.

During his fatal illness at Abbotsford, some of Sir Walter Scott's last conscious words were those of one of the great hymns of the Church, the 'Dies Irae.' His Abbotsford now belongs to Catholics. The Hon. Mrs. Maxwell-Scott tells in a current issue of the 'Catholic World' that after young Sir Walter's death it devolved on her uncle, Walter Lockhart, son of Sir Walter's eldest daughter, and Mr. J. G. Lockhart. On his early death the place came to his mother, who married Mr. James Hope. They were converts. In accordance with the terms of Sir Walter's will, they added Scott to their name.

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