

INTERCOLONIAL

A cable message from Perth states that during Mr. William Redmond's visit to Kalgoorlie £1500 was spontaneously subscribed for the campaign funds of the Irish Party.

We learn from a private correspondent that the takings at the St. Mary's Cathedral Fair, Sydney, amounted to the great sum of £16,118. To this must be added a further sum of £3000, the result of the art union. The expenses were phenomenally small, amounting to only £1442.

One of the Catholic clergy at Brisbane was attacked by dengue fever as he was putting on his vestments at the Cathedral on a recent Sunday, and had to relinquish the duty. There were no Masses celebrated in many of the suburban churches, as the clergy were too ill.

At the distribution of certificates, medals, and badges, in connection with the eleventh annual examination of the Sydney College of Music, on March 21, the only gold medallist of the year was Miss Doris Adams. This young lady, who is now only 14 years of age, has received her musical tuition for the past two years from the Dominican Nuns, 'Santa Sabina,' Strathfield, of which convent she is still a pupil.

St. Patrick's Day was seized by the good Catholics of Gundagai to present Father O'Reilly with an address and a purse of sovereigns. Father O'Reilly was lately curate of Gundagai, but is now stationed at Burrowa. The meeting was in St. Stanislaus' School, Gundagai, and was thoroughly representative. Father O'Reilly was three years at Gundagai, during which time he enjoyed a wide popularity and the friendship of the people. The presentation took the form of a purse of seventy sovereigns and a suitably worded address.

Sincere regret was felt all over Queensland at the death of Dr. Hugh McNeely, Brisbane, which occurred on March 28. The deceased was born at Mount Charles, County Donegal, and studied at Edinburgh University, where he took out his medical honors. Arriving in Queensland in 1861, he settled at Rockhampton, where he acquired a large practice. In 1866, after a trip to Europe, he took up practice in Brisbane, which he followed up to a month ago. Personally he was one of the most generous of men, but withal he deprecated any credit being bestowed on him on that account. A devoted Catholic, he gave liberally to every movement to benefit the Church.

The death is reported from Rockhampton of the Rev. Father Andrew Ryan. Though advanced in years, he was particularly active. In his early life he was a member of the Passionist Order, the hard life of which did not suit his health, and he went in for the less strict, but not less arduous life of a secular priest. At Mount Morgan the church, convent, schools, and presbytery are the result of his labors, also a church at Emu Park. He belonged to a well-connected Dublin family, and knew all the devout, zealous, and early Passionists. His simplicity, his piety, his projects for the glory of God were prominent qualities in the aged priest.

At the annual meeting of the United Irish League of Victoria the balance sheet showed that after recently remitting £250 to help the Irish National exchequer, a substantial sum remained as the nucleus of a future remittance to Dublin. The chairman, in the course of an interesting address, referred with satisfaction to the bright prospects of Home Rule, and the successful launching of the 'Home Rule Tribute.' The election of officers resulted as follows.—President, Dr. O'Donnell; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. P. Jageurs, M. Fennessy, and M. O'Sullivan; treasurer, Mr. M. T. Gleeson; secretary, Mr. E. Glennon; committee, Messrs. E. Ryan, J. Waldron, E. Murphy, J. Cunningham, J. Brolan, J. Stebbing, J. Murphy, T. Hogan, M. Fox, W. P. M'Mahon, H. P. Duffy, R. Kealy, J. M'Allen.

Mr. William Redmond, M.P., addressed an audience of 3000 at Perth a few days ago on the Home Rule outlook. And, apropos of the member for Clare, everybody hasn't heard this story. On the occasion of his first visit to Sydney in 1883, he was presented with a large gold medal commemorative of the occasion. The medal was somehow lost, and being massive gold, and likely in nine cases out of ten to represent a commercial rather than a sentimental value to the finder, hope of its recovery had long been abandoned. During his present visit, however, Mr. Redmond learned that he might recover it at a certain pawn shop on payment of the charges. The inscription had been left intact through all these years. The owner, of course, lost no time in recovering a memento which he very much prized, and was able to wear it on the twenty-second anniversary of the occasion which it commemorated.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- April 23, Easter Sunday.
- .. 24, Easter Monday.
- .. 25, Easter Tuesday.
- .. 26, Wednesday.—Of the Octave.
- .. 27, Thursday.—Of the Octave.
- .. 28, Friday.—Of the Octave.
- .. 29, Saturday.—Of the Octave.

Easter Sunday.

'The festival of Easter,' writes St. Gregory, 'is the solemnity of solemnities, because it raises us from the earth into eternity, which it enables us to enjoy beforehand by faith, hope, and charity.' 'You shall rise again!' This is what the Church says to us by the eloquent voice of her ceremonies. From the holy temple all signs of mourning have disappeared. The altars are decked out with extraordinary magnificence. Ornaments of gay color and rich embroidery appear. Every face is bright. The bells are all in motion. The song of joy—the Alleluia—that word of the language of heaven fallen on earth for our festive days, resounds on all sides, is repeated every moment; is varied again and again; is modulated into every key; and when there are added the rays of a beautiful sun, you cannot avoid those feelings of hope and delight which it is the mission of this great day to inspire.

The statement is denied that Bishop Gibney, of Perth, has acquired a controlling interest in the 'Morning Herald' of that city, which has recently vetoed the publication of racing and betting news. His Lordship holds, however, about 200 of the 1200 shares.

Mrs. McInerney, who died recently at Waverley (says the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal'), had been as mindful of religion and charity in her last will and testament as she was through life. The will makes the following bequests.—St. Mary's branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £100; St. Benedict's branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £100; St. Patrick's branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £100; St. Joseph's branch (Balmain) Society St. Vincent de Paul, £100; St. Brigid's branch Marrickville Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; St. Vincent's branch (Ashfield) Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; St. Vincent's branch (Redfern), Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; Mount Carmel branch (Waterloo) Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; St. Francis' branch (Paddington) Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; North Shore branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; Newtown branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; Erskineville branch Society St. Vincent de Paul, £50; the Lady Almoners' branch of Sacred Heart Society, Darlinghurst, £100; St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, £150; St. Vincent's Hospice for the Dying, £100; Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick, £200; St. Joseph's, Providence, Gore Hill, £200; Westmead Orphanage, Parramatta, £200; Lewisham Hospital, £200; Convent of the Good Samaritan, Tempe, £200; St. Anne's Orphanage, Liverpool, £100; St. Anthony's Foundling Hospital, Waitara, £200; St. Joseph's Home for Boys, Kincumber, £200; Maternity Home, Elizabeth street, Sydney, £100; St. Martha's Industrial Home, Leichhardt, £100; Sacred Heart Mission, Kensington, £100; the Good Samaritan Industrial School, Manly, £300; R.C. Orphanage, Kingstown, Dublin, £100; for Masses for repose of her soul, £200. After providing for bequests to relatives and friends, the residue of the estate is to be equally divided amongst the above-named charitable institutions.

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