

INTERCOLONIAL

It is proposed to erect a monument in St. Kilda Cemetery to the memory of the late Sir Bryan O'Loughlen. His Lordship the Bishop of Sale has given a subscription of £5 5s for this object.

A few days ago, at Townsville, Christopher O'Connell French, the only surviving grandson of Daniel O'Connell, Ireland's Liberator, passed to his reward. Mr. O'Connell was proud of his ancestry, and he cherished many proud reminiscences of Kerry's greatest son, the immortal O'Connell.

The Very Rev. Father A. Boylan (Provincial of the Irish House of the Redemptorists), in company with the Very Rev. Father Thos. O'Farrell (Superior of the Order in Australia), leaves for the Philippines early next week. Their mission is one of inspection with a view to the future establishment of a community of the Redemptorists in Manila.

A few weeks ago there died at Gracemere, Queensland, Miss Elizabeth Kelly. The deceased lady, according to local papers, 'was the first white female child born in Central Queensland'—being born in the year 1857. The Kelly family are the pioneers of Catholicity in the district, and the greatest sympathy is felt for them in their sad bereavement. Fathers Shiel and Plormel performed the last sacred rites over the grave in Archer's private cemetery.

The Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin completed his 53rd year on November 25 (says the Adelaide 'Southern Cross'). Mr. O'Loughlin for years sat for the Northern District in the Legislative Council, and he was Chief Secretary in the Kingston administration for the major part of its existence. During that time he conducted the Government business in the Council in a most efficient manner. Mr. O'Loughlin is believed to have ambitions in the direction of the Federal Legislature, and he would make an excellent Senator.

The Rev. Father Gerald Doyle, of St. Arnaud, Victoria, has just celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The event was marked at a meeting of gentlemen at the St. Arnaud Presbytery on the occasion of the recent visit of the Bishop of Ballarat. His Lordship Dr. Higgins presided, and warmly congratulated Father Doyle on the success that had attended his ministrations, and expressed the hope that he would be long spared to continue the good work. Father Doyle suitably responded, expressing his warmest thanks for the hearty support he had invariably received everywhere.

The Month's Mind for the late Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart, K.C., was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 29. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne presided, and his Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat was also present. In the course of a short address the Archbishop said that the public life of the deceased statesman had a value which would remain for generations. His life had a principle, a purity, and a nobility which would stand as an example for the rising generation. His hands were absolutely pure all through his public life, and of him it could be truthfully said that he had always worn the white flower of a blameless life.

The following cable was sent from Melbourne to the editor of the 'British Australasian,' London:—'General feeling community here against misrepresentation of discredited Federal Opposition minority as cabled from anti-Home Rule meeting held Melbourne Monday. Meeting not public. Admission by ticket only, and engineered by Redite reactionaries, who are attempting to raise sectarian issue, all other Tory election cries being exhausted. Anti-white Australian and anti-industrial legislation speeches also made at meeting. The majority of members of Commonwealth Parliament included in, and strongly resent charges of disloyalty made by self-same speakers, who were responsible for recent disgraceful stonewall on Trades Marks Bill.'

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- December 17, Sunday.—Third Sunday in Advent.
- „ 18, Monday.—Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- „ 19, Tuesday.—St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor.
- „ 20, Wednesday.—St. Josaphat of Poland, Bishop and Martyr. Ember Day.
- „ 21, Thursday.—St. Thomas, Apostle.
- „ 22, Friday.—St. Deusdedit, Pope and Confessor. Ember Day.
- „ 23, Saturday.—St. Columbanus, Abbot. Ember Day.

Expectation of the Nativity.

This feast has been instituted by the Church to commemorate the longing desires and fervent aspirations with which the Immaculate Virgin greeted the near approach of that happy day when she was to bring into the world the long-expected Messiah, Whose coming to redeem mankind had been the continual object of her sighs and prayers.

St. Urban V., Pope and Confessor.

Urban V. was Pope from 1362 to 1370. Being a pattern of every virtue, he strove to make the Papal Court a model of Christian life. He was a great patron of learned men and most generous to the poor. One of his first cares was to carry on the expedition for the recovery of the Holy Land, begun by his predecessor, Innocent VI. Convinced that the residence of the Popes at Avignon was injurious to the interests of the Church, he returned to Rome in 1367, and was received amid great rejoicings. The factious and turbulent spirit of the Italians induced him to transfer the Papal residence to Avignon in 1370.

St. Thomas, Apostle.

St. Thomas, also called Didymus, was one of the twelve Apostles. He was a fisherman on the Lake of Galilee when Our Lord called him to be His Apostle. There are only three incidents related of him in the Gospels, but these are enough to make his character more familiar to us than that of any other, except SS. Peter and Paul.

St. Columbanus, Abbot.

The famous Irish monk, St. Columbanus, was born in the year 545 in the province of Leinster. He died in 615. Well educated in literary pursuits, he wished to fly the temptations of the world and retired into the great monastery of Bangor, then famous through the zeal of its monks. An inner voice moved him to leave his country. Accompanied by twelve companions, he went to Gaul, preaching on his route the Christian virtues. In Bourgogne King Gontran induced him to settle in his country. He gave him the old Roman castle of Annegray, and here Columbanus passed some years in the practice of austere penance. The number of his disciples increased continually. Gontran offered to him the ancient castle of Luxeuil, at the foot of the Vosges, which became the centre of his Order. Afterwards he established a third community at Fontaines. Labor alternated with prayer in these pious asylums which the strong hand of Columbanus directed. Twenty years he spent thus with his religious. His reputation and influence became very great. However, he had disagreements with the Gaulish episcopate, especially in regard to the feast of Easter, which he always wished to celebrate according to the Irish custom—the fourteenth day of the moon—even when the feast came on Sunday, instead of the custom of the Latin Church, which celebrated it the Sunday after the fourteenth day. After the death of Gontran, he was banished from the country. He was led to Nantes and put on board a boat bound for Ireland. But landing on the shores of the Rhine, he preached the Gospel to the Alemanni in the neighborhood of the Lake of Zurich, and together with his companion Gall, converted many idolaters. Gall remained in Helvetia to continue his apostolate, while Columbanus went to Lombardy, where he founded the famous monastery of Bobbio.

In the New South Wales Legislative Council the other day, twelve months' leave of absence was granted to the Hon. John Meagher, to enable him to visit Ireland and Rome.