

INTERCOLONIAL

On March 31 the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Donovan completed his 38th...year on the Mudgee Hospital Committee. The only other committee-man left from that old time is Mr. Eugene Daly, sen, the balance having retired or passed away.

Brother T. H. Hughes, of the Christian Brothers, who left Australia two years ago on a collecting tour in North and South America, in aid of the new training college in Dublin, has returned to Ireland after a very successful mission. He is expected to return to Australia shortly.

Mr. Peter Tighe, who arrived in Sydney in 1842, died the other day after 59 years' residence on the Darling Downs. Having been born in the reign of George IV., he lived under the rule of four British sovereigns. Of his family of thirteen children, eight—three sons and five daughters—survive him, his wife, who came out with him from Ireland, having pre-deceased him by about six years.

Father Jas. H. O'Gorman, of Cooma, N.S.W., died on April 4 in St. Vincent's Hospital. He was a native of Scariff, County Clare, Ireland, where he was born 37 years ago. He was educated at All Hallows College, and was ordained in 1881, and came to Australia ten years later. Father O'Gorman, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, is a brother, and Fathers Michael, John, and Edward Roban and P. Sheedy relatives.

His Grace Archbishop O'Reily, of Adelaide, put in a word of sympathy lately for the starving Japanese. In sending £5 to the 'Register's' fund, his Grace wrote:—'There is famine in Japan; and the famine comes when the country is exhausted by the stress and strain of a terrific war. The sense of human brotherhood will assert itself. Christian charity is equal to the calls made upon it. Humane and Christian in supreme degree will it be to help the sufferers of Japan in their hour of extreme need.'

The Hon. H. B. Higgins, at the Dr. Rentoul farewell, emphasised his opinions on the Boer war. Dr. Rentoul, he said, had stood for the cause of all humanity in the Boer war question—and he stood for that test well. In that he had nothing to gain and much to lose. In that he kept aloft the flag of justice to the end. Dr. Rentoul recognised that to say, 'My country, right or wrong,' was an infamy. The attitude of Dr. Rentoul in regard to that unjust war gave them a glimpse of his fine characteristics.

At the final meeting in Sydney in connection with the St. Patrick's Day celebration it was reported that the receipts from all sources were £925 7s 2d (which included £540 17s 9d for entrance to the ground, which is a record for St. Patrick's Day). The expenses amounted to £338 7s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £586 19s 7d. The committee decided to donate £70 each to the eight Catholic orphanages, and to carry forward £26 19s 7d for next year. The orphanages which will be benefited are as follow:—Waitara, Gore Hill, Baulkham Hills, Liverpool, Westmead, Manly, Kincumber, and Ryde.

A new and most important development in connection with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was recorded on Sunday, March 25, when, in accordance with the wish of the Bishop of Ballarat (Right Rev. Dr. Higgins), a Conference was founded in that Cathedral city by the President of the Superior Council of Australasia, who had journeyed thither for that special purpose, accompanied by the President of the Particular Council of Melbourne and one of its members. Hitherto there were no Conferences in Victoria outside of Melbourne, but steps are now being taken to organise a Central Council, as in N.S.W., for the special purpose of extending the Society as widely as possible throughout the whole of the Victorian Province.

The new Mercy Convent at Midland Junction was blessed and opened by his Lordship the Bishop on Sunday, March 25, in the presence of a large congregation (says the 'W.A. Record'). The collection, amounting to £650 odd, is the largest sum yet taken on any similar occasion in the history of the State. The convent, as an architectural structure, is considered to be the neatest and most complete building among the many institutions in the diocese, and it therefore reflects the highest credit on the architect, and on the Rev. Father Morris, who had the work carried out in a most efficient manner. The amount of money taken on Sunday added to Father Morris's gatherings during the year for the convent debt, totalled the grand sum of £1400.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- April 29, Sunday.—Second Sunday after Easter. St. Peter, Martyr.
- „ 30, Monday.—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin.
- May 1, Tuesday.—SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
- „ 2, Wednesday.—St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor. ...
- „ 3, Thursday.—The Finding of the Holy Cross.
- „ 4, Friday.—St. Monica, Widow.
- „ 5, Saturday.—St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.

... SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
 St. Philip was a native of Bethsaida. After the descent of the Holy Ghost he preached in Scythia and Phrygia. He lived to an advanced age and received the crown of martyrdom in Phrygia. St. James the Less was a brother of the Apostle St. Jude. He was called to the Apostolate in the second year of Our Lord's public ministry. He was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, and took a prominent part in the Councils of the Apostles held in that city in 51. He was stoned to death in 62.

St. Athanasius.

St. Athanasius, surnamed the Great, the greatest luminary among the Oriental Doctors, was the defender of the Church against the Arian heresy. He was born at Alexandria about the year 296, ordained deacon in 319, and was chosen by Alexander, his Bishop, to accompany him to the Council of Nice. To his acuteness, learning, and eloquence in that Council was principally owing the condemnation of Arianism. On the death of Alexander in 328 Athanasius became Patriarch of Alexandria, and during 45 years he withstood, often almost alone, the whole brunt of the Arian assault. He stood unmoved against four Roman emperors, was banished five times, was the butt of every wrong and calumny the Arians could devise, and lived in constant peril of death. Firm and unbending in defence of the Catholic faith, he merited the honorable title of 'Father of Orthodoxy.' He closed his stormy life in peace in 373.

Finding of the Holy Cross.

St. Helena, having gone to Jerusalem, ordered the destruction of a temple of Venus, built over the tomb of Christ. Then, upon excavating to a great depth, the Holy sepulchre, and near it three crosses (also the nails which had pierced Our Saviour's body, and the title which had been affixed to his cross, were found. The true cross was recognised by the miracles which it wrought. St. Helena sent a part of the cross to Constantinople and left the other part at Jerusalem, where it was encased in a silver box and preserved in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which had been erected on the spot of the discovery. The Church has consecrated this event by the institution of the feast of the 'Finding of the Holy Cross,' which is celebrated on May 3. Chosroes, King of Persia, having taken Jerusalem, carried off the relic (614), which was recaptured 14 years later under Sirces, his son and successor, by the Emperor Heraclius. Both the Greek and Latin Churches still celebrate this victory on September 11 by the feast of the 'Exaltation of the Cross.'

St. Monica, Widow.

St. Monica was a native of Africa, and brought about the conversion of her husband, who was a pagan. Her son, the great St. Augustine, having been led in his youth to embrace the errors of the Manichean heretics, owed his subsequent conversion to her prayers. She died in Ostia, Italy, in 387. ...

St. Pius V., Pope and Confessor.

On the death of Pius IV. in 1565, Cardinal Ghisleri, a native of Northern Italy, and a member of the Order of St. Dominic, became Pope under the name of Pius V. His pontificate was signalised by the brilliant victory gained by the Christians over the Turks at Lepanto. The expedition was organised mainly through the efforts of St. Pius, and its success is attributed to the prayers which he caused to be offered up throughout Christendom, no less than to the valor of the Christian soldiers. As Pope, St. Pius lived the same simple and frugal life which he had adopted when embracing the religious state. He died in 1572, in the 69th year of his age.

For Bronchial Coughs and Colds, WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE, 1/6 and 2/6 per Bottle.