

INTERCOLONIAL

The silver jubilee of the deservedly popular pastor of Young, the Rev. Father Jerome Hennessy, was celebrated on Sunday, June 10.

The Bishop of Lismore, Right Rev. Dr. Doyle, has created a new parish on the Tweed, and the Rev. Father J. J. Durkin, of Lismore, has been appointed priest in charge. The parish comprises Burringbar, Stott's Creek, Chinerah, and Tweed Heads.

The Catholic population of Tasmania on December 31, 1905, was 32,063, or 17.93 per cent. of the total, thus indicating an increase since the 1901 census was taken of 1749 numerically, and of 0.85 centesimally—the figures for 1901 being 30,314, or 17.08 per cent.

Monsignor O'Donovan, who was honored by the Mudgee people of all creeds and classes on his temporary severance from the parish, is the second oldest priest in New South Wales, coming next to Archpriest Sheehy. His ship was wrecked in Bass Straits when he came out in 1861, and the captain ran it ashore at Flinders Island, where the convicts' huts still stood. The Monsignor has been 38 years at Mudgee, and has earned a great reputation as a bushman and horseman.

To mark the silver jubilee of his connection with St. Mary's Cathedral as conductor of the choir and organist, the members of the choir entertained Mr. J. A. Delany at a social evening in the Cardinal's Hall on June 6, when he was presented with an oak-framed address and a gold cigarette case, which bore a suitable inscription. The proceedings were graced by the presence of his Eminence the Cardinal, who thus showed his appreciation of the devoted services of Mr. Delany by making the presentation.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran despatched the following cablegram to Lord Plunket, Governor of New Zealand:—'The Cardinal and the Catholics of Sydney convey sincerest sympathy and condolence to the Government and people of New Zealand in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their great Premier.' To Cardinal Moran Lord Plunket sent the following cablegram:—'On behalf of the Government of New Zealand I beg to thank your Eminence and your people for your sympathetic message.'

Speaking at Belmore on Sunday, June 10, his Eminence Cardinal Moran referred to the unemployed question. He said it was the duty of the Government to provide employment for such men in a country like Australia, where they had a vast area of land, and so many resources to fall back upon. The Government said it had already tried such plans and had failed. That was because they had not carried them on as they should have been carried on. He did not say it was the Government itself which should enter upon such work, but they saw plenty of farming lands, and thousands of men were willing to work. It sufficed that such farms should be set aside, and plenty of employment would then await those willing to work.

News has been received in Sydney that a young Australian, Mr. A. Farthing, son of Mr. Alex. Farthing, of Wynyard Square, was ordained priest at the Cathedral, Manila, last month. The Papal Delegate occupied a seat in the sanctuary during the ordination. Father Farthing is a native of Newcastle, and became a convert about ten years ago. He displayed a great vocation for the priesthood, and entered the Sacred Heart Monastery at Kensington, where he studied for four years. He made wonderful progress with his studies, and was extremely popular amongst his fellow-students. Twelve months ago he went to Manila, and entered the University of St. Thomas, where he finished his studies and perfected himself in the Spanish language.

The Irish envoys, Messrs. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, visited St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, the other day at the invitation of the students. Great enthusiasm was manifested by the boys, and Mr. Devlin confessed that in his ten weeks' tour in Australia no incident had so touched him. An address was presented to the delegates, together with a purse of 28 sovereigns, which represented the pocket money saved by the boys for weeks in order that they might be able to do something for the Irish cause. The contribution was a voluntary one. The visitors were received by Brother Quinn (principal), and his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Ballarat, presided at the reception, and in his speech impressed the necessity of patriotism upon the boys. Mr. Devlin delivered an eloquent address, in which he highly eulogised the Christian Brothers, their work, their influence for good on their pupils, and their progress.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 1, Sunday.—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Precious Blood.
 „ 2, Monday.—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 „ 3, Tuesday.—St. Paul I., Pope and Confessor.
 „ 4, Wednesday.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.
 „ 5, Thursday.—St. Antony Zaccaria, Confessor.
 „ Friday.—Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.
 „ 7, Saturday.—St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

Feast of the Most Precious Blood.

This feast commemorates the intense love which led the Son of God to shed His Blood for the salvation of men.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This festival was instituted in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin's visit to her cousin, St. Elizabeth. It was established by St. Bonaventura, in 1263, for the Order of St. Francis, and was extended to the Universal Church by Urban VI. in 1379.

St. Paul I., Pope and Confessor.

St. Paul I. was Pope from 757 to 767. He was a Roman by birth, and successor to Stephen II. He had to defend the Christians of the East against the persecutions of Emperor Constantine Copronymus.

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Irenaeus was born between 130-140 in Smyrna, in Asia Minor, and had the happiness, from his earliest youth, of being instructed by St. Polycarp and other apostolic men. His deep attachment to the Christian doctrine did not prevent him from studying the Greek poets and philosophers, especially Homer and Plato. With a view to missionary work he journeyed to Gaul, where he was ordained priest by Phontinus, Bishop of Lyons, who suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius (178). Irenaeus was nominated to succeed him as bishop by Pope Eleutherius, to whom he had been sent on an ecclesiastical mission. In this office he showed untiring zeal and energy for the good of the Churches in Gaul. Moreover, by means of his writings in defence of the unity and purity of the faith, which was endangered by the Gnostics, he made his influence felt far beyond the limits of Gaul. Finally he effected a happy compromise between the East and the West in the dispute concerning Easter, which had gone so far as to cause an open rupture between the two sections of the Church. In the great persecution under Septimus Severus the shepherd suffered martyrdom with many of his flock (June 28, 202).

St. Antony Zaccaria, Confessor.

St. Antony was born in 1500, at Cremona, in the north of Italy. After having labored for some time in his native city as a secular priest, he founded, in conjunction with two Milanese nobles, a congregation of monks, called Barnabites, from the Church of St. Barnabas, where they came together, like the early Christians, to live a life in common and to devote themselves to the office of instructing the young.

St. Benedict XI., Pope and Confessor.

St. Benedict XI. was an Italian by birth, and occupied the Papal throne for about a year. He annulled the Bulls of Boniface VIII. against Philip the Fair of France.

Mr. John Byrne, the Goodna (Q.) centenarian, was 108 years of age on Sunday, June 10, he having been born on June 10, 1798, in the Loughs of the Seven Churches, County Wicklow, Ireland, and there is not the slightest doubt but that he is a marvel, says a writer in the 'Queensland Times.' He has been a resident of the Redbank and Goodna districts for over 53 years.

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