

INTERCOLONIAL

The Jubilee Fair held recently at Tamworth in aid of the Dominican Convent yielded a net result of £433 8s 6d.

The Rev. Father Walsh, of Ballina, received a cablegram on June 10 from Ireland announcing the death of his mother, at the age of 71 years.

The bazaar recently held in aid of the West Kempsey church funds realised the creditable amount of £200. In the past six years the sum of £2450 has been paid on church buildings in the parish, which are now entirely free from debt.

It is announced in the latest issue of 'Les Missions Catholiques' ('The Catholic Missions') that the Rev. Father Francis Xavier Gsel, M.S.H., has been appointed by the Holy Father Apostolic Administrator of Port Darwin and the Northern Territory.

Rev. Father Brazil, for some years stationed at Bungere, has been transferred to Colac to take the place of Rev. Father Murphy, who, owing to ill-health, has been permitted to take a holiday. Father Murphy, who is well known as a graceful writer, has sailed for the Old Country.

The Provincial of the Society of Mary, Sydney, has recalled the Rev. Father Talon, S.M., who has been working far the past two or three years in the diocese of Rockhampton, to take up the duties of Chaplain at St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, in place of the Rev. Father Louis Menard, S.M.

The Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Archbishop of Hobart, on Monday, June 18, celebrated the 91st anniversary of his birthday amid much felicitation. His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, the Premier of Tasmania, and the Mayor of Hobart, with many leading citizens, personally visited him. Letters and telegrams were received from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Uniform success continues to characterize the country tour in Victoria of the Irish envoys, Messrs. Joseph Devlin, M.P., and J. T. Donovan, LL.B. They are everywhere greeted with overflowing meetings; generous and voluntary financial aid is poured in to the Home Rule exchequer, and all classes, nationalities, and creeds vie with each other in welcoming these heralds of peace, prosperity, and progress for the Empire at large. Writing from Hamilton on June 11, Mr. Devlin said they had done exceptionally well in Victoria, and had raised over £2000 up to date. The tour in South Australia realised about £1000. The envoys are expected to reach Sydney about the beginning of next month.

Bishop Vidal, Vicar-Apostolic of the Fiji Archipelago, blessed and opened a new church at Lowary on April 29. It is built of coral obtained from the reef opposite the station, designed by Rev. Deacon Bourdier, S.M. Length, 75ft; breadth, 30ft; height, 27ft. It is intended to cement the whole of the outside later on. Two years were occupied in construction by the natives, under the direction of the Rev. Deacon Bourdier in the beginning, and continued under Brothers Cassimir and August Patarelli. The interior is plastered and picked out in colors. The following week Bishop Vidal blessed the new church at Rewa. There was great rejoicing among the natives.

The Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, was crowded on the evening of June 15, when his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne delivered a lecture on 'Religion and Family Life.' The lecture is one of a series to be given monthly under the auspices of the Australian Catholic Truth Society. Dr. M. U. O'Sullivan, K.C.S.G., presided, and there were many of the clergy of the city and suburbs present. His Grace dealt with the subject in a scholarly manner. The Archbishop prefaced his lecture by observing that it was expected that the lecture would have the effect of stimulating interest in the society, and of putting before the public in popular form the teaching and practice of the Church regarding many great questions on which the world is for ever speculating, and and never coming to a stable or satisfactory conclusion. The Most Rev. prelate spoke of the growing disregard of the sacredness of the marriage law, which made its indissolubility become decadent. The examples of Greece and Rome, which were overcome by the Germanic race, noted for their strict observance of the marriage bond, were cited. In reply to questions, his Grace said the Church accepted judicial separation when there were good and sufficient grounds. The Archbishop formally established the Knighthood of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, whose members bind themselves to safeguard female virtue by word and deed, and to promote by every means in their power the Christian observance of the end of marriage so much violated at the present day.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- July 8, Sunday.—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.—St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.
- „ 9, Monday.—Prodigies of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- „ 10, Tuesday.—The Seven Brothers, Martyrs.
- „ 11, Wednesday.—St. Pius I. Pope and Martyr.
- „ 12, Thursday.—St. John Gualbert, Abbot.
- „ 13, Friday.—St. Anacletus, Pope and Martyr.
- „ 14, Saturday.—St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Kilian, Bishop and Martyr.

St. Kilian was an Irish bishop who was martyred at Wurzburg. He was the first to preach the Gospel in the north of Bavaria, the country now known as Franconia. With two companions, Coloman (a priest) and Totnan (a deacon), Kilian left Ireland, his native country, in 686, and with the sanction of Pope Conon, established a mission at Wurzburg. Duke Gozbert received him kindly and was converted, and his example was followed by a great number of his subjects. But St. Kilian fell a victim to the hatred of Geilana, whose marriage with Gozbert, brother of her former husband, he declared to be contrary to the law of God. He and his companions, in the absence of the duke, were cruelly murdered, in 688.

Prodigies of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God, who rewards His saints with perfect happiness in heaven, often honors them before men by miraculously assisting those who invoke their intercession. The Blessed Virgin being, as Mother of God, the greatest of all the saints, her devout clients have most frequently been the recipients of such miraculous favors. From the changing of the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana to the miraculous cures that are yearly effected at Lourdes and other celebrated shrines, God has in every age exercised His power on behalf of those who appeal to Him through His Blessed Mother. In the feast of to-day, instituted on the occasion of some miraculous events which took place in Rome at the close of the eighteenth century, we express our gratitude for this display of God's power and mercy, and we honor her whom He has condescended to thus honor.

The Seven Brothers, Martyrs.

The seven saints whose glorious death is commemorated to-day were the sons of St. Felicitas, and suffered at Rome about the middle of the second century. They were exhorted to constancy in suffering by their heroic mother, who herself soon after received the crown of martyrdom.

St. Pius I., Pope and Martyr.

Aquileia, in Northern Italy, was the birthplace of St. Pius, who occupied the Chair of St. Peter from 142 to 157. According to some writers, he was beheaded; according to others his death was the result of hardships endured for the Faith.

St. John Gualbert, Abbot.

St. John was born in Florence of noble parents in 999. Like many of the class to which he belonged, he grew up imbued with a pride which would neither brook opposition nor allow any injury to pass unavenged. Having, however, on one occasion in obedience to the promptings of Divine Grace, forgiven a defenceless enemy, this exercise of Christian charity proved the beginning of his complete conversion. He entered a Benedictine monastery, and afterwards founded the famous abbey and Order of Vallombrosa. He died in 1073.

St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.

St. Bonaventure, surnamed 'Doctor Seraphicus,' was a Franciscan, and distinguished for his piety and learning. He was born in 1221 at Banarea, in Tuscany, and was educated at the University of Paris, where, as early as 1253, he obtained a professorship of theology, and at the age of 35 years he became the general of his Order, the internal disorders and contentions of which he brought under due regulations. Pope Clement IV. wished to make him Archbishop of York, but desisted at the request of Bonaventure; on the other hand, Gregory X., in 1273, compelled him to accept the bishopric of Albano. In the year following Bonaventure attended the Ecumenical Council of Lyons, and died while it was in session, July 15, 1274.

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