

a marvellous monument of the zeal of their great and good parish priest and a lasting memorial of their faith and generosity.

### DOWN—A Doctor passes away

Widespread regret was occasioned throughout Newry and district by the death of Dr. John J. O'Hare, of Newry, which occurred early on May 3, as the result of a severe attack of typhus fever which he contracted a fortnight previous in the discharge of his duties as temporary medical officer of the Newry Dispensary district. The late Dr. O'Hare, who was only about 28 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Mr. John O'Hare, county councillor, Mayobridge. He received his early education at St. Colman's College, Newry, and afterwards at Clongowes Wood College. He had a most distinguished career as a medical student in connection with the Royal University of Ireland, from which he graduated as a physician and surgeon about four years ago.

### DUBLIN—The International Exhibition.

The Irish International Exhibition, Herbert Park, Dublin, was opened on Saturday, May 4, by the Lord Lieutenant in presence of a large and representative gathering. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Aberdeen and several distinguished personages, met with a warm greeting both going to and returning from the Exhibition grounds from the many spectators who lined the streets through which the Viceregal party passed. At one point only was there a discordant note, namely, at Trinity College, where some students gave a display of the manners for which the young bloods of that seat of learning have long been noted. In the Exhibition buildings Lord Aberdeen was received with enthusiasm by an assembly composed of people holding widely-divergent views on public affairs, but all united in wishing the great undertaking unqualified success. The largest band and chorus ever gathered together in a Dublin concert hall rendered an excellent selection of music in a manner that charmed all present. It consisted of over five hundred performers, under the directorship of Mr. Barton McGuckin. His Excellency was evidently much pleased with all he saw and heard. Replying to an address presented to him by the Executive Council, Lord Aberdeen delivered a sympathetic speech. He first read a message which he had received from the King that morning. His Excellency then paid a well-merited tribute to the promoters of the gigantic undertaking for the tact, energy, and enterprise displayed from first to last. The aim of all concerned in the promotion of the Exhibition had been to forward the development in every direction of the resources of Ireland. No doubt, in connection with an undertaking of such magnitude, there must be divergence of opinion in the first stages, but now that the great work had been brought to completion they would all unite in helping to make it a success.

### LIMERICK—A Presentation

The Rev. J. M. Cregan, P.P., Athea, County Limerick, was presented at St. Ita's House, Limerick, on May 2 by the people of St. Michael's parish, in which he labored for many years, with an address expressive of their warm regard for him. The Mayor of the city presided at the function, which was attended by a large gathering.

### MONAGHAN—Death of a Dean

There was widespread regret at the death of Very Rev. Dean Bermingham, P.P., V.G., Carrickmacross, which took place in the 83rd year of his age, and the 57th of his sacred ministry. Dean Bermingham had been pastor of Carrickmacross for 23 years, and during that time had made great efforts in the cause of religion. He had completed the building of the splendid church of St. Joseph, but probably his greatest triumph was the purchase of the Essex Castle property, and the erection thereon of the magnificent new Convent of St. Louis, a seat of educational fame well-known over Ireland. He also established the Monastery of the Patrician Brothers, who have the educational interests of the boys of the town at heart. Dean Bermingham's death is mourned by all classes.

### TIPPERARY—An Australian Visitor

Among recent visitors to Ireland was Mr. Daniel O'Connor, of Sydney, who was born in the town of Tipperary, sixty-one years ago; and left for Australia with his father when he was but nine years old. Mr. O'Connor left Sydney for the United States early last year with the intention of getting his history of 'Fifty Years of Responsible Government in Australia,' published in New York, but unfortunately was in San Francisco during the earthquake, when the manuscript was lost in the fire.

## Intercolonial

For the second time this year the Corpus Christi procession at Manly had to be postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather.

The Convent of Mercy, Bendigo, has been appointed Mother House of the Sisters of Mercy in the diocese of Sandhurst. His Lordship Bishop Reville has made Mother Mary Xavier, of the Bendigo Convent, Provincial of the Order.

On Sunday afternoon, June 9, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne laid the foundation stone of the new church of St. Michael, North Melbourne. The church will cost nearly £6000. A sum of £1150 was received at the ceremony, in addition to which over £2000 had already been collected.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran blessed and laid the foundation stone of a new presbytery at Pymble on Sunday, June 9. The Rev. Father Brody, pastor of the district, stated that the cost of the building would be about £1300. A sum of close on £600 was in hand towards the building fund. The collection at the ceremony amounted to over £300.

The friends and admirers of Miss Marie Narelle (says the 'Catholic Press') will be sorry to hear that she is lying seriously ill in St. Vincent's Hospital. It will be months before she will be able to sing again, and she is greatly worried through having to disappoint the South Coast people, who have been looking forward to her visit. The deepest sympathy is felt on all sides for Miss Narelle, who is Australia's most popular singer.

The Archbishop's testimonial fund (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal') is mounting up by leaps and bounds. Priests and people show a noble rivalry in generosity, and it is safe to forecast that on August 15 the total fund will reflect credit on the splendid faith and generosity of the name Catholic. Apart altogether from the high purpose the testimonial will serve, it will also in a very special manner refute the slander heard more than once that Catholics depend on bazaars and games of chance to support religion.

At the Provincial Chapter of the Marist Fathers held at Villa Maria, Sydney, the selection of delegates to represent the General Chapter to be held at the present Head House of the Marist Fathers in Belgium on August 10 was made. The President of the Chapter, the Very Rev. Father Marion, S.M., the Very Rev. E. Bertreux (Prof. S.S.), Very Rev. G. Lahaye, S.M. (Vic. Fiji), Rev. A. Moussef, S.M. (C.O. Tonga), Rev. F. Rouge, S.M. (Vate Island), Rev. D. Ducloux, S.M., were selected, and were to leave Sydney on June 17. They were to be accompanied by the Very Rev. Father de Fenoyl (Adm. of the Cathedral at Noumea).

Everywhere St. Augustine's Orphanage Band played during its recent tour (says the 'Catholic Press') the talented young conductor, Mr. Percy Jones, was a great favorite. He is a born musician, and Geelong intends to give him full opportunity to develop his genius. At a meeting of representative citizens held at the Town Hall, and presided over by the Mayor, it was decided to send him to Europe for two years to complete his musical education in the great centres of music under the best masters. He is to leave in three months' time if possible. In a letter Professor Marshall Hall, of the Conservatorium of Music, Melbourne, stated that £500 would be required by Mr. Jones for his passage, keep, education, and to give him the necessary means of hearing everything that would add to his experience.

The Rev. Father J. O'Reilly, of St. Mary's Newcastle, and the Rev. Father Lynch had an exciting experience while crossing the Hunter at Hexham on June 5. They were driving in a sulky drawn by a fine spirited horse, and went on to the punt to cross from Mosquito Island to Newcastle. In midstream the horse, ordinarily a docile animal, became alarmed, and, rearing, plunged with the vehicle into the water. Father Lynch succeeded in jumping out on to the punt, but Father O'Reilly, who was driving, was dragged into the river, and, becoming entangled in the harness, was taken beneath the surface. However, he was fortunate enough to manage to grasp the winding cable and free himself from the horse, which, after plunging about for a few moments, sank with the vehicle to the bottom. The punt was stopped and Father O'Reilly rescued from his perilous position. Neither of the priests were injured.