

## INTERCOLONIAL.

The Very Rev. M. Slattery, of Wazga, has been appointed by Dr. Gallagher, V.G. of the diocese of Goulburn.

Mr. Patrick Foley, a resident of Milthorpe, New South Wales, for over 50 years, has just died in his 101st year.

A cable message received on Friday states that his Eminence Cardinal Moran, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean O'Haran, will leave for Europe at the end of the current month.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, on Sunday, January 26, laid the foundation-stone of a new church at Katoomba. Accommodation will be provided for a congregation of about 500, and the cost will be £1200.

It is stated that the Rev. Father O'Farrell, O.P., a brother of the well-known preacher, Father O'Farrell, C.S.S.R., will take the Rev. Father Headley's place at the Dominican Priory, North Adelaide. Father O'Farrell is said to be one of the most eloquent preachers belonging to the Order, which has a traditional reputation for pulpit oratory.

The late Mr James Coghlan, J.P., mining investor, of Ballarat, in his will bequeathed £200 to Nazareth House, Wendouree, conducted by the nuns of the Order of Nazareth; £200 to Bishop Moore for church purposes; and £100 each to the Ballarat Hospital, Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, and Ballarat Orphan Asylum.

Among the passengers by the Warrimoo (says the *Catholic Press*) was Miss Mary Kennedy, of Greta, who booked for New Zealand, where she intends joining the Sisters of Mercy at Gisborne. Prior to her departure the local Children of Mary presented her with a handsome souvenir. The young lady was a pupil of the Sisters of Mercy High School, Braxton.

The following clerical changes have taken place in the Goulburn diocese:—Rev. M. O'Sullivan, curate of Albury, becomes Administrator of the Goulburn Cathedral; Rev. J. M. Ryan, Administrator of Goulburn, takes charge of the district of Wyalong; Rev. M. Vaughan, of Wyalong, has been transferred to the new district of Jerilderie, which was hitherto part of the Berrigan mission; Rev. Daniel Leahy, curate of Gundagai, takes charge of a new mission with its centre at Koorawatha, and the Rev. James O'Reilly, of Cootamundra, goes to Gundagai as curate; Rev. William Slattery, lately arrived from Ireland, takes Father O'Reilly's place at Cootamundra; Rev. P. McAlroy, of Crookwell, goes as curate to Albury; his place has been filled by the Rev. T. Mullins, of Yaas; Rev. M. Crowe, on a visit to Australia for health, will do temporary duty at Yaas; the Very Rev. M. Buckley, of Junee, will shortly return from his home trip to resume his old position as pastor of Junee.

## RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

A few weeks ago the Rev. Dean Lonergan received into the Church Mr. Frederick Hann and Mr. William White, both of Swindon, England. Quite recently the same rev. gentleman received two other converts in "Articulo Mortis."

The London *Tablet* announces that the Rev. Dr. Frederick Geo. Lee, who for 30 years was Vicar of All Saints', Lambeth, has been received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Kenseim Digby Best, of Brompton Oratory.

The *Catholic Times* understands that Mr Herbert Wilson, youngest son of Mr Alfred Wilson, B.A., J.P., of Oak Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent, has recently been received into the Catholic Church after three years' study of the subject. The ceremony of his reception took place on November 28 in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Farm street, Father Gavin, S.J., being the officiating priest. Mr H. Wilson was educated at Winchester College and Magdalen, Oxford. He is the second son of his family who has joined the Church.

An impressive ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Virginia, Nevada, on Thanksgiving Day, when Mrs James Nulty was formally received into the Catholic Church. For some months Mrs Nulty had felt that it was necessary to her spiritual welfare to enter the Catholic faith, and after being duly instructed in the principles of that belief, she selected Thanksgiving as the date for her formal entrance. The Rev. Father Tubman received her profession of faith, the neophyte kneeling with her right hand holding the gospels. After this ceremony she and her two daughters were baptized.

The Rev. Alvah W. Doran, until recently a curate in St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, has been received into the Catholic Church. Archbishop Ryan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Mr Doran and Mr James Hanan Hardy, of Groveland, Mass., a third-year student in the Department of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. It is an interesting coincidence that Mr Hardy was formerly an acolyte in St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church, but was received into the Catholic faith last June. While at St. Clement's Mr Doran, who is not yet 30 years of age, endeared himself to the parishioners. Mr Doran is not the first clergyman connected with St. Clement's who has left the Protestant Episcopal faith to enter the Catholic Church. A few years ago the Rev. Basil William Maturin, noted as an eloquent and thoughtful preacher, and for a number of years rector of St. Clement's, became a Catholic, and was ordained to the priesthood. He has since labored among the English-speaking Catholics in Rome and also in the Archdiocese of Westminster, under Cardinal Vaughan. The Rev. Alfred Bowyer Sharpe, who became rector of St. Clement's about 1888, also became a Catholic in England a year or two ago.

## Friends at Court

### GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR.

- February 16, Sunday.—First Sunday in Lent.  
 „ 17, Monday.—St. Fintan, Abbot.  
 „ 18, Tuesday.—St. Raymond of Pennaforte, Confessor.  
 „ 19, Wednesday.—Ember Day. St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.  
 „ 20, Thursday.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.  
 „ 21, Friday.—Ember Day. The Lance and Nails.  
 „ 22, Saturday.—Ember Day. St. Peter at Antioch.

#### ST. FINTAN, ABBOT.

The distinguished Abbot Fintan was one of the family of Niall, of the north of Ireland. He was placed at the school of Bangor, under St. Comgall, and afterwards he studied at the school of Kilmore-Deathrib which Columbkil is supposed to have governed for some time before his departure from Ireland. He also spent some time at a place now called Kilfinnan, in the county Limerick; thence he went to a place called Coonah, in the same county. Between these places Fintan passed his early years—a model of good conduct and piety.

The reputation and sanctity of the monks of Iona, under Columbkil, had made such an impression on him, that he resolved to join their community, in order to lead a life of greater sanctity in the quiet retirement of their monastery.

In order to carry out his good intentions he set out for Iona. St. Columbkil had died a few days before his arrival, and was succeeded by Baithen. To him therefore, Fintan applied to be received into his community. Baithen questioned him as to his family, studies, conduct and the like. Fintan modestly answered him, and humbly requested to be admitted as a monk. Baithen having heard his story, replied: 'I thank God that you are come to this place; but this you must know, that you cannot be a monk of ours.' Fintan, much afflicted at this refusal, asked, 'Is it that I am unworthy of being one?' 'No,' answered Baithen, 'but, although I should be very glad to keep you with me, I must obey the orders of my predecessor Columba, who, before he died, said to me, in the spirit of prophecy: 'Baithen, remember these words of mine, immediately after my departure from this life, a brother, who is now regulating his youth by good conduct and who is well versed in sacred studies, named Fintan, will come to you from Ireland, and will supplicate to be reckoned among the monks. But it is predetermined by God that he is to be an abbot, presiding over monks, and a guide of souls. Do not, therefore, let him stay in these islands of ours, but direct him to return in peace to Ireland, that he may there establish a monastery, in a part of Leinster not far from the sea, and labor for the good of souls.' The pious young man shed tears when he heard this, and returned thanks to God, and said that he would follow these directions. Colgan states that before he went to Leinster, in accordance with the injunction of Columbkil, he spent five years at a monastery he established at a place called Teachelle, in the district of Heli (Ely O'Carroll), in Munster, and that he subsequently founded a monastery at a place named after him, Teach-Munnu (the house of Munnu), now Thagmon, in the County of Wexford.

St. Fintan was far advanced in years when he died, at his own monastery, on the 21st of October, 635, leaving after him a distinguished reputation for sanctity and perfection in piety and godliness.

#### ST. RAYMOND OF PENNAFORTE.

St. Raymond of Pennaforte assisted St. Peter Nolasco to found in 1218 the Order of Mercy for the redemption of captives. Between the years 1492 and 1691 this Order, alone, rescued nearly 17,000 Christian captives.

#### ST. TITUS, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR.

St. Titus was a Greek by birth and the son of gentle father and a Jewish mother. He accompanied St. Paul to Jerusalem to the Council, and on his various extensive journeys, and was finally established by him, Bishop of Crete, about the year 62. He died about 105, at the advanced age of 94 years. St. Paul wrote an Epistle to him, which contains instructions for his disciple.

#### ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA.

St. Cyril was a Father of the Greek Church, and Patriarch of Alexandria, 412. He took an active part in his uncle's (Theophilus) opposition to St. John Chrysostom. He closed the Churches of the Novatians. The Jews having murdered a certain number of Christians, he expelled them from the city, and embroiled himself with the Governor Orestes. He contributed, also, to the condemnation of Nestorius. St. Cyril has left a large number of writings, mostly of an apologetical, controversial, and doctrinal character.

Mr. Patrick Hunt, an old identity of Kilmore, died suddenly at Bailleston recently. Mr. Hunt was engaged in mining in New Zealand in the early days, and afterwards in the Kilmore and Reedy Creek districts, being manager of the famous Landridge claim, when exceptional yields were obtained some 20 years ago. He was a member and president of the Kilmore Shire Council, and also connected with the Kilmore Waterworks Trust at its inception. Mr. Hunt was an ardent Home Ruler. The deceased gentleman was a brother of Mr. T. Hunt, ex-M.L.A.