

INTERCOLONIAL.

Miss Amy Castles will give a farewell concert in Sydney on Saturday evening.

A Catholic Church was opened at Stockinbingal by the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher a few Sundays ago.

The Catholic ladies of Gundaroo district have presented the Rev. Father Mullins with a costly dressing-case.

A new wing of St. Joseph's Convent, Forbes, was formally opened by the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, on May 10.

The proceeds from the Commonwealth fair and art union, recently held in Mudgee, in aid of the convent extension fund, amounted to £360.

The foundation-stone of the new railway station, Sydney, was laid by the Minister for Works on April 30. When completed, Mr. O'Sullivan declares that the new station will be one of the finest in the world.

The Townsville Hibernian Lodges have decided to erect a memorial marble cross at the grave of the late Rev. Father Mulligan, the young priest who, it will be remembered, was drowned at the baths some time ago. The Catholic congregation intend to perpetuate his memory by the insertion of a stained-glass window in the new church.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has been pleased to make the following changes in the location of priests in the archdiocese:—The Rev. T. S. Collins, from St. Francis Xavier's, Mansfield, to the charge of the Kyneton parish during the absence of Dean Hegarty; the Rev. J. J. Egan to take Father Collins' place at Mansfield.

The Government scheme of retrenchment in the expenditure of Queensland is estimated to effect an annual saving of £30,000. Amongst the departments to be retrenched root and branch is Mr Wragge's Weather Bureau. This seems reasonable, as Mr Wragge's services are at present used by the Commonwealth at the expense of Queensland.

The Deniliquin correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal* writes to say that Mgr. Treacy of that town is about take a twelve months' leave of absence on a well-deserved holiday to Ireland. To mark their appreciation of the Monsignor, his parishioners and friends presented him with an illuminated address and a purse of 105 sovereigns.

The members of the Catholic Institute, Fremantle, W.A., have resolved to obtain a chalice for presentation to Dr. Mathew Gaughren, who was recently consecrated Catholic Bishop of Orange River Colony, and was the first vicar of the mission now being conducted by the Oblate Fathers at St. Patrick's Church, Fremantle.

The annual collection in aid of the hospitals took place in Sydney and suburbs on Saturday, May 10. The total amount received at the Bank of New South Wales was £3879 6s 1d, as compared with £3875 16s last year. To the figures for this year has to be added a sum paid into the bank through the office since June 1 last, which will bring the total amount up to £4348 15s 3d. Towards this the city contributed £2286 1s 0½d, and the suburbs £2062 14s 2½d. Last year's total was £4375 13s 1½d, or a little more than on the present occasion.

Much regret has been expressed in Perth and other parts of Westralia at the death of Sister Mary Kevin Doyle, a Sister of St. John of God, which took place in Kalgoorlie on April 15. The deceased lady had spent 11 years in religious life, having been professed in the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, in 1891, and was in the 31st year of her age. Three years after her profession, Sister Kevin went to Westralia, where she has done heroic work in the interest of the suffering. It was while in the discharge of her duty that she contracted typhoid fever, to which she succumbed. The funeral was very largely attended.

The Very Rev. Dean Hegarty, P.P., of Kyneton, prior to his departure on a trip to Europe, was pre-ented by his parishioners with an address and a purse of £200 sovereigns. In the course of a speech thanking the donors for their generous gift, Dean Hegarty said that the most reasonable thing that could have accounted for his departure would have been ill-health, but he felt thoroughly well, and during 30 years in the State he had never known of three evenings when he felt tired or of three mornings when he had not been able to get up and say Mass. The Archbishop, when he spoke to him of taking the trip, had looked quizzically at him, as though to say, what does a man in such good health want a holiday for? But he told the Archbishop that if he wanted him to work for 20 or 30 years more he must give him a spell, also that he did not want him to go home as an invalid, but whilst he was well and hearty and could enjoy a holiday.

It will be remembered (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Sydney Freeman's Journal*) that the late Mr Martin Loughlin was a most generous benefactor of the Ballarat diocese, his gifts running, on some occasions, into four figures. The nephew of the deceased gentleman, Mr. Thomas Loughlin, would seem to have inherited, together with the greater portion of the fortune of his uncle, the latter's big Irish heart. He has given several thousands of pounds sterling to church and school purposes and has just handed Bishop Moore a cheque for £250 towards liquidating a debt of £1660 on the Catholic hall of Ballarat city. The valuation of the Loughlin estate was sworn at £232,000. Mr Thomas Loughlin has just returned from a visit to the Old Land. A mansion has been built for him in the rich agricultural centre of Warrenheip, about six miles from Ballarat.

Friends at Court

GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- May 25, Sunday.—Trinity Sunday.
 " 26, Monday.—St. Philip Neri, Confessor.
 " 27, Tuesday.—St. John I., Pope and Martyr.
 " 28, Wednesday.—St. Urban I., Pope and Martyr.
 " 29, Thursday.—Feast of Corpus Christi.
 " 30, Friday.—St. Felix I., Pope and Martyr.
 " 31, Saturday.—Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

On Trinity Sunday we are not asked to imitate the virtues of some saint, or to contemplate the merciful dealings of God with men. We are taken up, as it were, into the Holy of Holies, and invited to gaze on the radiant perfection of God, as the blessed see Him—One God in Three Divine Persons. Until the fourteenth century this feast was not generally celebrated in the Church, for the reason that all festivals in the Christian religion are truly festivals of the Holy Trinity, since they are only means to honor the Blessed Trinity, and steps to raise us to It as the true and only term of our worship. As Pope Alexander writes, in the eleventh century: 'The Roman Church has no particular festival of the Trinity, because she honors It every day, and every hour of the day; all her offices containing Its praises, and concluding with a tribute of glory to It.'

ST. PHILIP NERI, CONFESSOR.

St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, was born at Florence in 1513, and died at Rome in 1595. He established (1548) the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity, destined to take care of foreign pilgrims. Having been ordained priest (1551), he devoted himself to the education of children, and for this work associated himself with other ecclesiastics, who were called Oratorians. He soon formed a congregation of these associates, whose statutes were approved by Gregory XIII. in 1575.

ST. JOHN I., POPE AND MARTYR.

St. John was chosen to succeed Pope Hormisdas in 523. Cast into prison by the Arian king of the Goths, he succumbed to the hardships inflicted upon him (A.D. 526).

ST. URBAN I., POPE AND MARTYR.

The pontificate of St Urban lasted from 223 to 230. Though the Church generally enjoyed peace at that time, a local outburst of pagan fury claimed him as a victim.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Pope Urban IV. in his decree concerning the festival of Corpus Christi, gives the following explanation of its institution:—'Although we daily, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, renew the memory of this holy sacrament, we believe that we must, besides, solemnly commemorate it every year, to put the unbelievers to shame; and because we have been informed that God has revealed to some pious persons that this festival should be celebrated in the whole Church, we direct that on the first Thursday after the octave of Pentecost the faithful should assemble in the church, and join with the priests in singing the word of God.' Hence this festival was instituted on account of the greatness of the divine mystery; the unbelief of those who denied the truth of this mystery, and the revelation made to some pious persons.

ST. FELIX I., POPE AND MARTYR.

St. Felix I. was Pope from 259 to 274. Of the acts of this Pope nothing is known with any certainty, except the part he took in the deposition of Paul of Samosata from the See of Antioch. Felix, who is said to have confirmed the custom of saying Mass on the tombs of the martyrs, suffered martyrdom under Aurelian.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius VII. at the beginning of last century. Napoleon, in his ambitious attempt to become autocrat of the world, found a formidable obstacle in the opposition of the Supreme Pontiff, who refused to surrender the patrimony of the Church, or to allow the French Emperor to control the management of ecclesiastical affairs. As a consequence of his firmness, Pius VII. was detained in captivity for several years. In gratitude for his liberation, which seemed an answer to the prayers of the Church, invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin on his behalf, he ordered the present feast to be celebrated. Under the title of 'Help of Christians,' the Blessed Virgin Mary has been selected as principal patron of the Catholic Church of Australasia.

Wilkinson's emulsion of cod liver oil is recommended as a remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs. It is prepared from the purest cod liver oil, combined with hypophosphites of lime and soda, is pleasant to the taste, and invaluable in cases of chronic cough and pulmonary complaints...

Good wine needs no bush, so it is said, and in like manner good tea needs very little commendation—its merits do all that. The many users of 'Cock o' North' brand of Hondai-Lanka tea are good judges, and hence it is they prefer it to any other. We do not intend to praise this tea, we only recommend our readers to give it a trial, the rest we will leave to their judgment and discrimination. They will find it pure, fine-flavored, and economical. These are qualities which cannot fail to make it popular with every good housewife...