

INTERCOLONIAL.

The Coadjutor Bishop (says the Tasmanian 'Monitor') is still the guest of Bishop Gibney at Perth. His Lordship is not, we regret to learn, progressing towards convalescence as quickly as his many friends would wish.

The Very Rev. Dean Slattery, parish priest of Newtown, Sydney, has left for Europe on a well-deserved holiday trip. He was not permitted to start on his journey without receiving a substantial token from his parishioners of the great esteem in which he is held.

The West Australian gold yield for January was 210,450ozs., which constitutes a record for one month. Last year's total yield was just over two million ounces, Kalgoorlie contributing about one-half of this. Out of this half dividends were paid representing £1,214,000.

The Rev. Joseph O'Malley, S.J., who has been for a number of years in the Jesuit mission in Victoria, is to be transferred to Norwood, South Australia. The Rev. J. Cleary, S.J., recently stationed in Norwood, will replace Father O'Malley at Richmond.

The death is reported from Noumea of the Rev. Father Ferraton, S.M., of the St. Louis Mission, in his 35th year. Pere Ferraton was a native of Ancecy, France, where he was born on July 2, 1868. He made his profession as Marist on July 20, 1889, and went to Noumea in '95. The cause of death was pleurisy.

From the prospectus of the Christian Brothers' College, Perth, a copy of which has just come to hand, we learn that of the total amount (£668) won last year in prizes at the University examinations by the West Australian students, £563 went to this college, leaving £105 to be divided between all the other secondary schools of the State.

The members of St. Patrick's (Parramatta) Catholic Young Men's Society made a presentation to the Rev. Father T. O'Reilly, P.P., prior to his departure on a holiday trip to New Zealand. Their gift was a handsome travelling bag, neatly mounted, and bearing a suitable inscription.

The Melbourne Hospital is drifting into debt at the rate of £5000 a year. At a recent meeting it was gravely proposed to close a number of the wards as the only apparent means to stem the financial drift. The Irvine Government were severely criticised for their cruel policy in reducing the grant-in-aid and thus crippling the operations of the institution from whose doors numbers of the sick and suffering have to be daily turned away.

The Right Rev. Dr. Reville, O.S.A., Bishop of Bendigo, who leaves for Europe shortly, has declined to receive a testimonial which the citizens had intended to give his Lordship prior to leaving on his visit ad limina. The Bishop said that whilst duly appreciating their kindness and generosity, he knew the many claims on their means during the past year. His Lordship recommended the congregation that the Dr. Backhaus' estate could not be applied otherwise than on church and charitable works—not a shilling going to the stipends of the Bishop and the clergy. Amongst the works already carried out with funds from the estate was the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, and a commencement was about to be made with an orphanage and a Magdalen asylum. The Bishop presided at an inaugural meeting of St. Patrick's Day celebration, at which £140 was subscribed.

The new central Catholic Hall, Brunswick street, Fitzroy (says the 'Advocate'), will be opened in March next. Considerable additions are being made to the building, including the offices and the front wall of what will be the main hall. The entire building is also being thoroughly renovated and painted. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in a month or five weeks' time. The building will be opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, who will also lay the memorial stone of the new hall on the same occasion. The hall will supply a long-felt want, and prove a great convenience to the Catholic body. Doubtless the Catholic people, young and old, of the archdiocese of Melbourne will make a united effort to relieve his Grace of the heavy liability, £6660 incurred in connection with the purchase of this splendid property, which will also be a valuable asset of the archdiocese. His Grace has generously contributed £1000 to the building fund.

The splendid work by which the State of Western Australia supplies the great goldfields of its parched interior with water is one (says the Melbourne 'Argus') which must evoke the sincere admiration and the hearty congratulation of the sister states. Magnificent in its inception, spirited and energetic in its execution, it is unique amongst the engineering undertakings of the world in several respects. There is, we believe, no example of a work by which 5,000,000 gallons of water per day is taken from its low-level stream, forced from reservoir to reservoir, lifted from height to height, in no less than 65 stages, over 350 miles of country—mostly desert, until—the forces of nature having been successfully grappled with and vanquished at every step—the last height is scaled, from which a command of a vast desert region is won. It is a fine and, indeed, a marvellous achievement, and we all join with heartiness in the triumph which marked the formal opening. The pity of it is that the designer, Mr. C. Y. O'Connor, did not live to see the fulfilment of his plans. This and the Fremantle harbor works scheme are enduring monuments to the late engineer's great ability.

Friends at Court

CLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- February 15, Sunday.—Sexagesima Sunday.
- " 16, Monday.—St. Gregory X., Pope and Confessor.
- " 17, Tuesday.—St. Fintan, Abbot.
- " 18, Wednesday.—St. Raymond of Pennaforte, Confessor.
- " 19, Thursday.—St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
- " 20, Friday.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
- " 21, Saturday.—St. Paul, the first Hermit.

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 Killinnan, 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 his 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 in a monastery he established at a place called Teachelle, in the district of Ili (Ely O'Carrol), 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, Confessor.

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 a 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 contained 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.

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