

INTERCOLONIAL

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, who is at present in Rome, was 73 years of age on September 16.

A new church was solemnly blessed and opened recently at Malcolm, Western Australia, by his Lordship Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Geraldton.

The Rev. Father O'Dwyer, O.S.A., of the Cooktown vicariate, leaves for Ireland shortly. At the Provincial Chapter of the Irish Augustinian Order, held recently in Dublin, Father Dwyer was appointed Prior of Fethard, County Tipperary.

The building of St. John's new school, Melbourne, has just been commenced. The cost will be £3800. With a large trust in the generosity of the parishioners, the pastor, Rev. J. McCarthy, has launched on this great work for Catholic education.

On Sunday, September 13, the foundation stone of the new convent at Toowoomba was blessed by his Grace Dr. Dunne, Archbishop of Brisbane, in the presence of a gathering numbering several thousand persons. His Grace delivered an address. He stated that the building would cost from £5000 to £6000, of which £1800 was in hand. The collection totalled £814, a number of very handsome donations being given, including £100 from the Rev. Father Fouhy and £250 from Mr. J. Tyson Donnelly.

The Very Rev. Father J. Hearn, who recently was transferred from Narrabri to Tenterfield, was presented with an address and a purse of 100 sovereigns by the people of the former town. Speeches referring in eulogistic terms to Father Hearn's good qualities both as a priest and a citizen were made by Messrs. L. Malone, J. M. McDonald, G. P. Morris, Morgan Dunne, J. T. O'Neill, and P. J. Levey. Father Hearn was also presented with a purse of sovereigns and an address at West Narrabri and Woolabai.

The Rev. Father P. O'Dwyer, O.C.C., was given a public farewell by the parishioners of East Melbourne prior to his departure for Port Adelaide, where he will take up charge of the Carmelite mission in South Australia. He was presented with a beautiful gold chalice by the people of East Melbourne, a handsome inkstand by the Children of Mary, a travelling bag by the Sacred Heart Sodality, a silver-mounted walking stick by the altar boys, and a silver pyx by St. Joseph's Catholic Association.

Sir Samuel Griffith, Sir Edmund Barton, and the Hon. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., have accepted Federal High Court Judgeships. Sir E. Barton placed the resignation of the Cabinet in the hands of Lord Tennyson, the Governor-General, and Mr. Alfred Deakin was sent to reconstruct the Ministry. Mr. Deakin submitted the following names—Mr. Deakin, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Mr. J. G. Drake, Attorney-General, Mr. Austin Chapman (New South Wales), Minister of Defence, Senator Playford (South Australia), an honorary Minister. The other members are unchanged.

At the Cathedral Hall, Melbourne, on Sunday evening, September 13, a meeting of those prominently connected with the various Catholic and Irish societies in and around the city was held, for the purpose of formulating the lines upon which the celebrations to be held in the Exhibition Buildings on the 9th November next are to be carried out. It was decided that a gathering of the Catholic school children within the metropolitan area should be held in the forenoon and afternoon, and that a hurling match and other attractions should be provided. For the evening a varied programme is being arranged. The committee has decided to hold an international walking match in connection with the sports on the 9th November.

The Rev. Francis May, of St. Francis's Church (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney 'Freeman's Journal'), is noted for his activity and zeal in looking after backsliders and the wails and strays always to be found in large cities. After having organised the Sailor's Conference, whose special work it is to look after the spiritual wants of Catholic seamen landing at Williamstown and Port Melbourne, the Rev. gentleman has initiated, with the approval of his Grace the Archbishop, a branch of the Boy's Brigade—an organisation which Monsignor Nugent and the late Cardinal Vaughan brought to a successful issue in England. The Rev. gentleman has secured suitable premises in the heart of the slums, and amongst the first to give practical support to this effort to stem the leakage and discount the work of the ubiquitous proselytiser, is the always generous metropolitan, who sent his cheque for £20. Thus whilst the Cathedral Boys' Club is looking after the lads in East Melbourne, Fitzroy, Collingwood, etc., this organisation who gather them together in the west end of the city.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- October 1, Sunday—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
 Rosary Sunday
 „ 5, Monday.—St. Galla, Widow.
 „ 6, Tuesday.—St. Bruno, Confessor.
 „ 7, Wednesday.—St. Mark, Pope and Confessor.
 „ 8, Thursday.—St. Bridget, Widow.
 „ 9, Friday.—St. Dionysius and Companions, Martyrs.
 „ 10, Saturday.—St. Francis Borgia, Confessor.

Rosary Sunday

On the first Sunday of October, 1571, was fought the great battle of Lepanto, which saved Europe from the Turks, and gave a death blow to the Ottoman power. In memory of this victory, gained at the very moment when the faithful were reciting the Rosary for the success of the Christian arms, Gregory XIII. ordered the present festival to be celebrated.

St. Bruno, Confessor

St. Bruno, of Cologne, was the founder of the Carthusian Order. With six companions, Bruno retired into the desert of Chartreuse, near Grenoble, France, and laid the foundation of his new order. This was in 1086. Following the Benedictine Rule, the Carthusians were famed for the severity of their discipline. They lead a contemplative life, and devote a portion of their time to manual labor. Bruno was summoned to Rome by Pope Urban II., who had been his pupil. After founding two new convents in Calabria, he died in 1101. Guigo, the first Prior of the Chartreuse, made a compilation of the customs and statutes observed by the Carthusians. The Carthusian nuns originated about 1230, and, with some modifications, follow the rules of the Carthusian monks.

St. Mark, Pope and Confessor.

St. Mark, who was elected Pope in 333, was a Roman by birth. He published a decree conferring upon the Bishop of Ostia the exclusive right to consecrate the Sovereign Pontiff.

St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow

St. Bridget, the foundress of an Order of religious, was born about the year 1302 of the royal family of Sweden. The state of marriage which she embraced by the advice of her parents did not cause her to lose her fervor for the pious exercises she had shown from her tenderest years. After having become a widow (1343) she consecrated herself entirely to works of charity and to exercises of piety, and founded the Monastery of Wadstena (1344) on the shores of Lake Vattern. The Order was confirmed, under the title of 'Order of the Saviour,' by Urban V., in 1370. The religious followed the rule of St. Augustine and the particular constitutions which their holy foundress is said to have received by divine revelation.

St. Dionysius, Martyr

St. Dionysius, who was the first Bishop of Paris, lived in the second half of the third century. By the persecution of the Christians under Septimius Severus, in which St. Irenaeus suffered martyrdom in 202, the Church in Gaul had become terribly devastated. Hereupon Pope Fabian sent seven new missionaries (ecclesiastical historians generally call them bishops) to gather the scattered faithful and found new churches. St. Dionysius was one of these seven apostolic men, and he founded upon an island in the Seine a bishopric. God had bestowed upon him the gift of miracles, and he converted many idolaters and finally built a church. Our Saint suffered martyrdom, it appears, under the Valerian persecution (some claim under that of Maximian Hercules). The legend says that St. Dionysius, after having been beheaded, carried his own head to the place where they then buried him. Later on a chapel was built over his tomb, and this was enlarged by St. Genovefa (469) into a church.

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