

INTERCOLONIAL

While in Rome his Eminence Cardinal Moran's health became somewhat impaired, but considerably improved under the treatment of Dr. Laponi. He went for a fortnight to Tivoli, where he was the guest of the Irish College. His Eminence left for Sydney by the Orient Line steamship 'Orizaba' on November 1.

On October 29, at St. Patrick's College, Manly a Solemn Requiem Office and Mass were celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Father J. Brosnan, whose death took place in Ireland on September 17. The deceased priest had been for 11 years the occupant of the important chair of Ecclesiastical History at Manly, which he adorned by his many brilliant gifts, and where he won the love of the students. A large number of priests journeyed to Manly to take part in the ceremony, and Archbishop Kelly presided at the solemn functions.

On November 4 a meeting of the clergy was held at St. Mary's Presbytery to make arrangements for the reception of his Eminence the Cardinal, who is due to arrive by the Orizaba on Saturday, December 5. There was a large attendance, the Right Rev. Monsignor Carroll, V.G., presiding. After some discussion as to the best means of welcoming his Eminence, it was decided that the reception should be much on the same lines as last year. The clergy, it was resolved, would go down the harbor to meet him, and there would be a procession to the Cathedral, where an address would be presented. A committee was appointed to arrange the reception.

The 'Southern Cross' says that the Rev. Father Joseph O'Malley, S.J., of Norwood, has devised a new system of teaching sight singing. Father O'Malley, who is equally a master of music and mathematics, has been engaged in teaching children singing for over thirty years, and is the inventor of more than one device for simplifying the present complicated methods. The system illustrated on this occasion he has used in teaching the pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Beulah-road school for the past six months, and it appears to have been very successful. It is an ingenious combination of the tonic sol fa system and the ordinary fixed method, and the inventor aims at teaching harmony at the same time.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have (says the Adelaide 'Advertiser') earned an excellent reputation in South Australia by their self-denying charity. They work without fee or reward to relieve those in distress, but sometimes their efforts are not appreciated as they should be. In the Local Court on Wednesday the Superior of the Fullarton Refuge was sued by a man who had been fed, lodged, and paid a subsist wage for three months by the Sisters at that institution. The plaintiff, who demanded more money for his work, in cross-examination admitted to Mr. H. A. Parsons, who appeared for the defendant (the Superior of the Refuge), that he was paid all he asked for on leaving the Refuge, that he had on three different occasions increased the amount of his claim, that he had given a receipt in full settlement after leaving, and that he could not remember whether or not he had threatened to 'knife' the gardener and shoot another of the men employed by the Sisters. The magistrate, without calling on the defendant, gave her a verdict with costs, intimating that he did not believe the plaintiff's story.

The painful news of the accidental drowning of Rev. Father M'Kiernan, of Gayndah, reached Brisbane (says the 'Australian') on Tuesday, October 27. The first telegram from Gayndah under Tuesday's date read: 'Word has been received here that two horses were found drowned attached to a buggy at the washpool crossing on Barambah Creek yesterday afternoon. The horses and buggy were the property of the Rev. Father M'Kiernan, who left Byrnestown for Gayndah yesterday. The police, with a party of residents, have left to make a search. Grave fears are entertained for the gentleman's safety.' These fears were only too well founded, for a later wire from the same town was received which stated: 'The body of the Rev. Father M'Kiernan has been found in Barambah Creek, three-quarters of a mile below the crossing, and is now being brought to town.' The deceased priest was deeply revered and loved by all who knew him, and the news of his sad end caused a painful shock to the Catholics of this quarter of Queensland amongst whom he had labored. Of a gentle and most charitable disposition, his lamented death has removed from the ranks of the Brisbane clergy one whose manners won many an outlaw amongst the faithful, and one whose purse was ever and always open to aid the needy. Poor Father M'Kiernan, after being stationed for some time in Brisbane, was stationed for a time at Caboolture, from whence he was transferred to Gayndah.—R.I.P.

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GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

- November 22, Sunday.—Twenty-fifth and last Sunday after Pentecost. St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.
- " 23, Monday.—St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.
- " 24, Tuesday.—St. John of the Cross, Confessor.
- " 25, Wednesday.—St. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr.
- " 26, Thursday.—St. Sylvester, Abbot.
- " 27, Friday.—St. Virgil, Bishop and Confessor.
- " 28, Saturday.—St. Gregory III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.

St. Cecilia was a member of a noble Roman family. Betrothed by her parents, against her own wishes, to Valerian, a pagan, she succeeded in converting him and his brother to the Christian religion. On this coming to the ears of the Prefect of the city, the two brothers were beheaded. The same sentence was passed on St. Cecilia, but owing to the clumsy manner in which the executioner performed his task, the holy virgin lingered for three days in great agony, A.D. 230.

St. Clement I., Pope and Martyr.

St. Clement was Pope from 91 to 100. He was a Jew by birth and the disciple and third successor of St. Peter. He is supposed to be the same St. Clement mentioned by St. Paul (Phil. iv. 8) as one of his fellow-laborers, 'whose names are written in the Book of Life.' By another account Clement was the immediate successor of St. Peter, St. Linus and St. Cletus being only the Apostolic vicars at Rome in his absence. St. Clement, in 96, wrote the Epistle to the Corinthians, 'in the name of the Roman Church,' which for a long time continued to be read in the ancient Church. He suffered martyrdom under Trajan in the year 100.

St. John of the Cross, Confessor.

St. John was a Spaniard. He received his surname from his special devotion to the passion of Christ. He was associated with St. Theresa in reforming the Carmelite Order, of which he was a member. At the time of his death, in 1591, St. John was in his fiftieth year.

St. Sylvester, Abbot.

St. Sylvester was born near Loreto, in Italy, in 1177. At the age of 40 he retired into a desert in order that, free from worldly cares he might be able to devote more time to prayer and contemplation. Having been followed by a number of disciples he founded several monasteries to which he gave the strict rule of St. Benedict. St. Sylvester died in 1267.

St. Virgil, Bishop and Confessor.

St. Virgil (or Fearghil), a native of Ireland, was consecrated Bishop of Salzburg, in Germany, in 766. During the period of 18 years for which he ruled this see he not only advanced the interests of religion in his own diocese, but also labored most successfully for the propagation of the faith in the neighboring provinces of Austria. St. Virgil died in 784.

St. Gregory III., Pope and Confessor.

St. Gregory III. was Pope from 731 to 741. During his reign he, like his predecessor, Gregory II., defended the faith and boldly resisted the efforts of the Emperor Leo the Isaurian to propagate the heresy of the Iconoclasts, or Image-breakers. He eloquently explained and defended the Catholic teaching regarding the respect to be shown to images of Christ and the saints, and condemned the Iconoclasts in a Roman Council held in the year 732. Under his pontificate, and in the same year, occurred the great victory of Charles Martel over the Saracens near Poitiers in France.

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