

Intercolonial

The Rev. M. J. Rohan, P.P. of Dookie, Victoria, who occupied the position of president of St. Patrick's sports in Bendigo for many years, has established what is probably a record for individual effort in the cause of Catholic education. He collected £562 6s 7d for the 1914 demonstration.

'Ad multos annos' to our illustrious Archbishop, who enters on his 69th year on Thursday next, 19th inst., says the *Southern Cross* (Adelaide), of November 13. His Grace was born at Kilkenny on November 19, 1846. He was consecrated Bishop of Port Augusta on May 1, 1888, and was translated to the See of Adelaide on January 5, 1895. The rejoicings on his Grace's birthday will be enhanced by his happy recovery from his recent serious illness.

For the third year in succession, Alderman D. V. Hennessy was installed as the Lord Mayor of Melbourne last month. The eight councillors who retired by effluxion of time, and who were re-elected unopposed, were congratulated, and Aldermen Jeffries and Burton were re-elected as aldermen for the Gipps and Latrobe wards respectively. In proposing the healths of the newly-retired councillors, the Lord Mayor said that in twenty years only two retiring members of the council had been rejected by the ratepayers.

Speaking the other day, the Right Rev. Dr. Norton, Bishop of Port Augusta (S.A.), mentioned that his diocese embraced only about 12,000 Catholics, yet, since 1888 it had raised £87,000. During the last eight and a half years in which he had been privileged to fill the high office of Bishop, £43,000 had been raised, and in the last two years £15,991. Those amounts were over and above the upkeep of schools and the clergy. The diocesan debt was £7000, principally upon the Petersburg property. The only other amount was Port Augusta, £100.

The Governor-General paid a high tribute to the work of nursing nuns at the annual meeting of St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. He said the first nurse he ever had was a Sister of Charity, and the last was a co-operative one—a member of a very competent association. He could not help thinking that a combination of the qualities that arose from religious devotion on the one hand, and from a full knowledge of science and skill on the other, was a happy and reliable combination. That was what they had in St. Vincent's, and it was that which made the hospital so great a success. It was not in the hospitals alone that they saw the result of that influence, for it spread out over the entire land.

The Hon. John Gavan Duffy, K.S.G., has been appointed a trustee of the Public Library, Art Galleries, and National Museum by the State Executive Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Professor E. J. Nanson (says the *Melbourne Advocate*). For many years Mr. Duffy was the member for Dalhousie in the Legislative Assembly, and on the roll of Executive Councillors for the State his name is second, coming after that of Sir John Madden, the Chief Justice. He is a son of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, who was Premier of Victoria (1871-2), and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (1877-80). Mr. Duffy was Minister for Lands in the Service Administration (1880), Postmaster-General in the Munro Ministry (1890-2), Attorney-General, and subsequently Honorary Minister in the Shields Government (1892-3), and Postmaster-General in the first Turner Cabinet (1894-9). He is a trustee for the Exhibition Building.

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Taupo

(From an occasional correspondent.)

His Lordship Bishop Cleary motored through to Taupo last week from Napier, accompanied by his friend and guest, Rev. P. F. Kehoe. The journey of 100 miles over the wild mountain road was negotiated in good time, and the two visitors were met at Taupo by Father Langerwerf. On the following morning they crossed the lake, in very rough weather, and met with an extremely warm reception, in true Maori style, with ancient chants, from the native population of Waihi. In the evening another reception took place in the beautiful big meeting house of the village. To several cordial speeches of welcome, his Lordship replied in the native language, much to the delight of the large gathering. Father Kehoe also made a happy speech, which was interpreted by Father Langerwerf, who afterwards addressed the meeting in a humorous strain which was received with marked appreciation. His Lordship made a visitation at Waihi and confirmed several adults who were absent on the occasion of his previous visit. During their stay at Waihi Father Kehoe showed himself to be an adept angler, two large catches of lake trout, from 5lb to 6lb weight standing to his credit in a short time. The visitors expressed themselves as greatly delighted with the model native village of Waihi and its people, and took a lively interest in Father Langerwerf's scheme for reticulating water to every house from the adjoining waterfalls. Father Kehoe was greatly impressed with the piety of the people, the whole village assembling (as is their custom) in the pretty church, at 6.30 every morning, and chanting their morning prayers and the Mass prayers in four-part chant, and singing hymns also in four-part music with a peculiar and winning sweetness. Night prayers and hymns are chanted together by the whole village at 7 o'clock every evening. There are Communicants every morning, and, on the first Friday morning, about half the congregation received Holy Communion at the Bishop's Mass. His Lordship and Father Kehoe celebrated Mass for the small Catholic congregation at Taupo on Sunday, and on the following day left for the thermal regions of Wairakei and Rotorua.

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