

Intercolonial

The fine new chapel attached to the Nudgee College, Brisbane, is in course of erection.

Victoria's contribution to the Patriotic and Belgian funds is £400,000. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne has sent to Cardinal Logue £1000 for the Belgian fund, and £500 will be sent in a few days.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, whose mother-house is in Mount street, North Sydney, reach the 50th year of their establishment at the close of this year, and the occasion is to be marked with religious and other celebrations.

The foundation stone of the new church attached to the Redemptorist Monastery, Ballarat, was laid a few Sundays ago by the Bishop of Ballarat. The new church, with sacristies and oratory, will involve an outlay of £10,000.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Neven, of Adelaide, recently waited on his Grace, the Coadjutor-Archbishop (Most Rev. R. W. Spence, O.P.), and, on behalf of the priests of the city and of the two city parishes, presented him with a complete set of vestments and sacred vessels for the use of his private secretary. An address also accompanied the gifts.

The new Christian Brothers' College on St. Killian's Hill, South Brisbane, is nearing completion, and the contractor will be able to hand over the building complete in time for schoolwork. The building is on one of the finest sites in Queensland, having a commanding view of the city of Brisbane and suburbs, and is an ideal position for an educational establishment.

In a letter received by the Very Rev. Father Curran, Adm., Sale, his Lordship Bishop Phelan states that he had a special audience with his Holiness Benedict XV., who received him most cordially. He also had an interview with the Prefect of the Propaganda. Dr. Phelan expressed his surprise at the extensive and accurate knowledge possessed by his Holiness of the progress of the Catholic Church in Australia. Dr. Phelan will probably leave for Australia about January 22, and is expected at Sale about March 1.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne delivered an important address when blessing and opening a new church at Chelsea. His Grace said he had very strong ideas about the war. He did not believe it had happened by accident, or the chance action of some king or emperor. He believed that the great God Who provided for all human creatures through the war was punishing sin that had prevailed for a long time, particularly in the shape of infidelity. The Roman Empire had been attacked by Attila, and Attila was called 'the scourge of God.'

Just inside the picturesque grounds of the Monte Sant' Angelo Convent, North Sydney, stands the beautiful chapel erected to the memory of Mother M. Ignatius McQuoin, who founded the Sisters of Mercy in Sydney in 1865, and died at North Sydney in 1893. A few Sundays ago, his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney solemnly blessed and opened the newly-completed structure. Mother Ignatius McQuoin was trained by the foundress of the Order, Mother Catherine McAuley, and came to Sydney from St. Ethelburga's Convent, Mt. Vernon, Liverpool, at the invitation of Archbishop Polding (says the *Catholic Press*). The beginning of her work was indeed humble. After her arrival in 1865, her first convent was a poor garret in a house kept by a Mrs. Sadlier at Wynyard Square. A year later Archdeacon McEucroe asked Mother Ignatius to take charge of the new convent which had been erected alongside St. Patrick's, Church Hill. At present there are over 180 Sisters of Mercy working in the archdiocese.

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OBITUARY

MRS. M. WHELAN, AND MISS W. DEVOY, QUEEN'S COUNTY.

It is with sentiments of the deepest sorrow that we (*The Nationalist and Leinster Times*) have to announce this week the death of two highly esteemed young ladies, Mrs. Mary Whelan, beloved wife of Mr. John Whelan, Kilmory, and Miss Winifred Devoy, youngest daughter of Mr. John Devoy, Ballythomas. During their protracted illness, borne with patience and true Christian fortitude, they had the consolation of receiving the frequent ministrations of the Sacraments and the constant attendance of the devoted clergy in their respective parishes. The sad event of Mrs. Whelan's death on Tuesday, November 10, was by no means unexpected, but the news of her sister's demise on the following Saturday came as a shock, even to those who had entertained little hope of her recovery. Belonging as they did to one of the most highly respected families in the Queen's County, their demise should, even in ordinary circumstances, command the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends, but taken as both were at such a short interval, and in the very prime of life when a bright and happy future might have been their lot, every heart goes out in deepest sympathy with their friends and relatives in their sad bereavement. The esteem in which the deceased young ladies were held was evinced by the large and representative cortege that accompanied the remains to their last resting place in Oakvale Cemetery, where the last prayers for the repose of their souls were recited by the Very Rev. J. Delany, assisted by their cousin, Rev. P. J. Prendergast, S.M., Catholic University School, Dublin. We tender our most sincere sympathy to all their relatives, especially to their respected parents, Mr. and Mrs. Devoy; to Mr. J. Whelan; to their esteemed uncle, the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Wellington, New Zealand; to their brother, Rev. Mark Devoy, S.M., and to their aunt, Sister Mary Brigid, Holy Faith Convent, Haddington road, Dublin.—R.I.P.

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