

## Intercolonial

Mr. Justice Heydon has arranged to give £10 a month towards the Belgian fund while the war lasts.

Dr. Augustus Leo Kenny, of Melbourne, has been appointed a Privy Chamberlain of Sword and Cape by his Holiness Benedict XV.

There are in every parish excellent Catholic girls worthy to be the wives of the best Catholic men in the community (says Archbishop Dulig), and as long as that is the case—I hope it will always be the case—I do not see any reason whatsoever for Catholic men to seek their life partners outside their own faith.

The Rev. Fathers P. Nulty (of St. Mary's Cathedral staff), R. O'Regan (of St. Vincent's, Redfern), and P. J. Power (of the Sacred Heart, Darlinghurst), who have been on a twelve months' European tour, returned to Sydney the other day. By the same boat came the Rev. Brothers O'Carroll, Bourke, McGuire, and O'Brien, of the Christian Brothers.

His Lordship Bishop Shiel, of Rockhampton, is in receipt of a letter from Sir William Macgregor, ex-Governor of Queensland, and perhaps the most popular of all Queensland Governors. The letter was in acknowledgment of one from Dr. Shiel, who expressed his regret at the departure from Queensland of Sir William Macgregor. In the course of his letter, Sir William says: 'I am fully conscious of the magnificent work your Church is doing in Queensland, both in religion and secular education, and I do hope and pray that your great services thus rendered to mankind and to the State of Queensland may be as abundantly blessed in the future as it has been in the past.'

Dr. Charles MacCarthy, of Sydney, has sent to the Australian pavilion at the San Francisco Exhibition, a half-length life-size statue of Napoleon, in marble. The work was executed from intimate studies of all the authentic pictures of the great Emperor, and the measurements were taken from the mould of the death mask. Dr. MacCarthy has also forwarded to the exhibition a life-size bust in bronze of the violinist, Mosca Elman, taken from life. Two exquisite bas-reliefs in bronze were also sent, one of a young Sydney girl and the other by the doctor's daughter, Miss Maud MacCarthy, the violinist.

An enthusiastic demonstration greeted the arrival of Bishop Carroll in Lismore on February 21. His Lordship was presented with an address from the clergy and laity of the diocese, and a cheque for £1152, which he handed over to the Cathedral fund. Speaking at a garden party, given in his honor, Bishop Carroll said that there are many things he would like to do. One of the most pleasurable would be to establish three bursaries for ecclesiastical students of the diocese, or half a dozen bursaries for students going on for secular pursuits to the University; but he was debarred from these things. He was almost sick of that unremunerative task of paying interest on the Cathedral debt. If the debt run on to the end of the present five years, completing ten years, he thought, in broad figures they would have paid £5000 in interest.

St. Laurence's new schoolhall, Brisbane, is to be opened by his Grace Archbishop Dulig on April 11. Speaking at a meeting held recently in connection with the opening, his Grace said: 'I may tell you I am personally responsible for the overdraft of £1000 at the Union Bank of Australia, and I have not a pound to my name. I am personally responsible. Mark you that! I became responsible in order that we might complete the building, otherwise the work could not have gone on. The first contract was £5040, the second £2700, with £1000 for the furnishing of the school and other items of expenditure—altogether involving an expenditure of £9000. In order to be out of debt we want to gather in £4000 the first £1000 for furnishing the school and a home for the Brothers. That is what this meeting is called for.'

## FAREWELL TO FATHER CARRAN, ORMOND

There was a large and enthusiastic assembly at the Ormond Hall on Monday evening when a farewell was accorded to Father Carran on the eve of his departure to take charge of the Cambridge parish (says the *Gisborne Times* of March 10). Mr. T. Quirk presided and there were on the platform Fathers Carran, Lane, and O'Malley (who is succeeding Father Carran), Messrs. W. D. S. MacDonald, D. J. Parker, McLeod, C. Neenan, and G. O'Donovan.

The chairman, in an appreciative speech, referred to the splendid work and many good qualities of Father Carran, and all that he had achieved in the three years that he had been in charge of the parish, making special mention of the fact that during that period the sum of £800 had been paid into Church property belonging to the parish. At the same time the chairman extended a hearty welcome to Father O'Malley, his successor.

He then read and presented Father Carran with an illuminated address, which was as follows:—

'It is with feelings of deep regret that we, the Catholics of Ormond parish, learn that you are about to leave us, and we now take this opportunity of conveying to you our heartfelt thanks for your devotion to our spiritual needs, and for the many personal sacrifices undertaken on our behalf. It is now three years since you took charge of Ormond Parish, and when we consider the difficulties you have had to contend with it is almost incredible that you have been able to perform so much in so short a time. Our parish is one of the largest and most difficult of access in the Dominion, and the amount of travelling that you have had to undertake has made your task a most difficult one. Notwithstanding all the obstacles you have had to surmount you have performed your sacred duties with cheerfulness and with an entire disregard for personal comfort that has earned for you the enduring gratitude and devotion of all classes of the community. The beautiful and valuable section of land that has been secured for church purposes at Ormond will ever stand as a memorial to your foresight and keen judgment. We are deeply grieved that your health has been considerably undermined by the strenuous work while with us. We trust, however, that under more favorable conditions you will be soon restored to your former robust health and vigor, and live many years to enjoy God's choicest blessings. The work that you have so nobly carried out here will be continued by others, but your memory will be cherished by those who have had the privilege of being associated with you, and your example will be an inspiration to us while we live.'

After the reading of the address the chairman handed Father Carran a cheque for a sum running into three figures.

Eulogistic speeches were also made by Rev. Father Lane, Messrs. W. D. S. MacDonald, McLeod, Parker, and Donovan, who spoke of the way in which the departing priest had furthered the prospects of the parish and the high respect he had gained in the three years he had been in the district.

Rev. Father Carran replied in a few feeling remarks to the high tributes payed him, and thanked the parishioners for the handsome gifts he had received.

The following contributed the musical and vocal part of the programme:—Pianoforte duet, Misses Neenan; songs, Miss Maroney, Mr. G. R. Downey; monologue, Mr. R. Howell; song, Mr. Hobbs (Ormond). The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Grayson.

The chairman, having thanked the artists, on the motion of Mr. MacDonald a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for presiding. Light refreshments were then handed round, and the audience joined in the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

According to the remarks of his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne at South Yarra, his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate will visit Melbourne after Easter.

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