

galoa, Kaitangata, 30/3/21; J. M., Reed St., Oamaru, 30/9/20; P. J. M., jun., Balfour, 30/9/20; P. M., sen., Balfour, 30/9/20; J. M., Eden St., Oamaru, 30/9/20; W. M., c/o Hesson's Store, Alexandra, 30/9/20; D. C., Htl., Waikaka, 30/9/20; P. L. H., P.O., Gore, 30/9/20; M.F., Arrowtown, 23/9/21; E. McM., McQuarrie St., S. Ingill, 30/9/20; D. J. M., Mgr. Dr. T.K.'s Farm, Takakopa, 30/9/20; T. O'C., P.O., Tisbury, Ingill, 30/3/20; Fr. McM., Ranfurly, 30/9/20; Mrs. M., Park St., Dun., 30/9/20; Mrs. Van P., Eichardt's Htl., Queens-town, 30/3/21; J. D., E. Gore, 30/9/20; Mrs. T., Ravens-bourne, 15/4/20; P. McL., P.O., Stirling, 30/9/20; Mr. D., Schoolmaster, Windsor, 30/9/20; Mrs. O.K., Gore, 30/9/20; Mrs. F., Mechanic St., N.E.V., 30/9/20; Miss T., Dun., 23/3/20; J. O'C., Dipton, 23/9/20; Convent, Milton, 30/9/20; J. McD., Bald Hill Flat, 30/9/20; J. W., Wyndham, 30/9/20; J. G., Heddon Bush, 30/9/20; H. H., Lawrence, 30/9/20; Mrs. M., Main Rd., N.E.V., 30/3/20; M. R. Mandeville, Gore, 30/9/20; A. P., Mac-raes Flat, 30/9/20; M. N., P.O., Moonlight, 30/3/20; Mr. C., Hillgrove, 30/9/20; M. B., Bourke St., N. Ingill, 30/3/20; T. McG., Limehills, 30/9/20; M. C., Provincial Htl., Dun., 30/9/20; E. A. W., Enfield, via Oamaru, 15/4/21; J. B., Heddon Bush, 30/9/20; J. M., Waianiwa, Ingill, 30/9/20; M. F., Enfield, Oamaru, 30/9/20; J. H., Millers Flat, 30/9/20; Mr. McC., Eye St., Ingill, 30/9/20; B. F., Ophir, 30/9/20; J. McA., Moa Creek, 30/8/21.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Irish National Executive of New South Wales, with the Archbishop of Sydney in the chair, met on Monday, September 29, at St. Mary's Presbytery, to make the necessary arrangements for representation at the Australasian Irish Race Convention, to be held in Melbourne on November 3. The object of the convention is to support Ireland's claim to self-determination as expressed at the recent elections in the Old Land. Messages of support have been received by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix (who called the convention), from all parts of the Commonwealth and from New Zealand. Mr. T. J. Ryan (Premier of Queensland) will preside. The convention will be remarkable in both the number of delegates attending and in the interest with which its deliberations will be watched. Preparations are in hand for the accommodation of the visiting delegates, a special committee having been appointed by the Irish-Ireland League to supervise all arrangements. The distinguished Archbishop of Melbourne and his committee intend to stage the convention on a scale worthy of the great occasion.

The London *Times*, in its issue of September 23, published an apology to the Archbishop of Sydney for its Sydney correspondent's statement that his Grace had said: "I do not mind blood, slaughter, and revolution, so long as we get what we wish to accomplish." The *Times* adds: "The report has been a source of pain to the Archbishop, and has been reproduced in a mischievous circular sent to a number of leading personages." The report from the Sydney correspondent of the *Times* was dated March 23, and stated: "The Roman Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Kelly, speaking at the St. Patrick's Day sports in the Sydney Show Ground, demanded Home Rule for Ireland. He said: 'I do not mind blood, I do not mind slaughter, I do not mind revolution, as long as we get what we wish to accomplish in the cause of right.'" A similar telegram was sent to and published in many Australian daily papers. The Sydney paper, the *Sun*, whose reporter made the mistake, apologised for and corrected the error. The words used by his Grace the Archbishop on that occasion were: "You need not be a Catholic to be an Irish patriot, but to understand God and country you must have a Catholic heart. If you do not know man's destiny you have no ideal of God." His Grace went on to say that in that respect they had Mitchel, who in his *Gaol Journal* records that he could not see why the English landlordism tyranny should not be stopped by open resistance. That was the way, however, the Nationalists and the Catholic Nationalists differentiate. It was written by Mitchel, continued his Grace: "Do not mind blood, don't mind slaughter, don't mind revolution, don't mind anything at all to stop the oppression of might." "To the Catholic, however," added his Grace, "there is a God, and nothing happens He does not see and for which accounts will be made up in the next world."

Writing editorially, the *Freeman's Journal*, in its issue of October 2, says:—A cable message states that the London *Times* has apologised to his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney for misreporting his St. Patrick's Day speech. It is only fair that when a newspaper makes a mistake it should acknowledge it, but our Archbishop, who has

been a frequent sufferer through the carelessness of reporters and the maliciousness of sub-editors, has not had much occasion to thank our local newspapers for consideration and courtesy. On the contrary, they have always shown a disposition to ignore the Archbishop's protests and rebukes, and seem to take pleasure in adding to their original offences. The late Cardinal, too, had often to complain that his speeches were garbled and misreported. The experiences of our Catholic prelates are most remarkable in view of the fact that the heads of the other Churches have had no reason to complain. Ample space and commendable accuracy are at their command. Yet our dailies sometimes endeavor to persuade their readers that they have no religious prejudices and are prepared to give all sections of the people a fair deal. There is no doubt that a new daily is badly wanted in Sydney, and not by Catholics only, but by Democrats in general. At the present time the only people who can read the news at breakfast or tea in this city without finding some cause for resentment are hide-bound Conservatives, narrow-minded wossers, and Protestants of the genuine Nonconformist brand. The views of the typical broad-minded Australian citizen are only voiced by the few weekly journals that did not contract the Jingo-Imperialistic epidemic which raged during the war, and which had such a debilitating effect on the brain of its victims.

VICTORIA.

Tuesday, October 6, will be the seventh anniversary of the elevation of his Grace the Most Rev. Daniel Mannix, D.D., LL.D., to the purple (says the *Freeman's Journal* of October 2). His Grace was consecrated Coadjutor-Archbishop of Melbourne, with the right of succession, at Maynooth by his Eminence Cardinal Logue, Primate of All Ireland. He succeeded to Melbourne on May 6, 1917. The Hierarchy, priests, and people not only of the Province of Melbourne, but of Australasia and beyond that line, will pray that his years may be lengthy, and that, after his triumphal reception in the Old and the New Worlds in the second quarter of the coming year of grace, 1920, he will return to democratic Australia renewed in health, strength, and vigor.

At a meeting held in St. Patrick's Hall, Melbourne, on the 22nd ult., an Irish-Ireland League was successfully formed. The provisional president (Mr. J. W. Ryan) presided over a large attendance of delegates from St. Patrick's Society, H.A.C.B.S., I.N.F., Young Ireland Society, Irish National Association, Shamrock Club, C.Y.M.S., Australian Catholic Federation, and Catholic Workers. There were representatives from the country, including Rev. Brother Sebastian and Mr. J. T. Keane (Bendigo), Rev. Brother Paulinus (Kilmore), and Mr. Lawler (Ballarat). The objects of the league are: (1) To assist the people of Ireland in their claims for independence; (2) to create and foster among the Irish race in Victoria a spirit of loyalty to the aspirations of the Irish people; (3) to be the medium through which the Irish people of this State shall speak on all matters of Irish policy; (4) to promote the knowledge of Irish history, to foster the language, music, literature, sports and pastimes of ancient Ireland; (5) to demand for Irishmen and their descendants the rights and privileges enjoyed by other citizens in Victoria; (6) to secure funds to assist the people of Ireland.

QUEENSLAND.

The Hon. T. J. Ryan has told his State Labor Party that he is willing to enter Federal politics (says an exchange). Up to the time of writing, the Tory daily papers have been editorially silent regarding this important political development. But an apparently inspired article from the Sydney *Daily Telegraph's* Melbourne representative shows very clearly that the advent of Mr. Ryan will be most unwelcome in certain circles. Indeed, the *Telegraph* correspondent would discourage and dissuade the Queensland Premier from his purpose. It seems, according to this new-found friend of the Labor Party, that Mr. Ryan's entry would bring about discord in Federal Labor ranks, and in order to preserve harmony it is suggested that nothing should be done to upset the hopes and expectations of prominent members who have their eyes focussed on certain Ministerial jobs. It is granted, then, by the *Telegraph* writer that there are certain prospects of a Labor Ministry. With Mr. Ryan available, a Labor Ministry without him would be unthinkable. In the meantime, Mr. Ryan has declared himself determined to do all possible to oust the present Federal Government. There is no man in Australia more fitted to undertake the task. His entry into Federal politics will be Queensland's loss, but Queensland is in the happy position of being able to afford that loss far better than the Commonwealth can afford to shut its doors to a statesman of Mr. Ryan's qualifications.