

Intercolonial

The ceremony of ordination will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Sunday, November 30, when the Revs. J. Egan and J. McNamara, students of Manly College, will be elevated to the priesthood.

The Revs. K. and J. Murphy, brothers of the Rev. Father G. Murphy, of Toowoomba, and the Rev. Father P. Murphy, Gympie, will be ordained priests in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, on December 8. Two other members of the same family are Sisters of Mercy.

Whilst the returns from all sources for the medical charities' appeal showed a falling-off (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*), the total from the Catholic churches showed an increase. The returns from our churches totalled £826 1s 4d in 1912; this year the total was £914 10s.

The Rev. Father J. O'Connell, M.S.H., who had charge of the Deniliquin parish for the past six months—the Right Rev. Monsignor Treacy being on a holiday trip to Europe—and who has been transferred by his superiors to work in Tasmania, was presented with an address and a purse of sovereigns by the parishioners prior to his departure.

All Hallows Convent, Brisbane, has celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. It was in 1863 that the site of this convent was purchased. In 1861 Bishop O'Quinn arrived in Brisbane, accompanied by five priests and six Sisters of Mercy. All Hallows, in addition to being the Alma Mater of the Sisters of Mercy in Queensland, is recognised to be at the head of all girls' schools in Queensland.

On Sunday, November 9, the additions to 'Kincoppal,' the beautiful residence given to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart by the late Mr. Thomas Hughes, were

blessed and opened by his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney. Situated on the heights surrounding Elizabeth and Rushcutters' Bays, the new college commands some extensive and beautiful views. From the flat roof—five stories above the lawns and flower beds—the vista extends right out to sea over North Head and Manly. To the west lies the remainder of the harbor and Parramatta River, and to the south the highlands of the eastern suburbs. The cost of the improvements approaches close on £13,000.

We (*Monitor*) beg to tender hearty congratulations to Mr. Urban Haley and to his teachers at St. Virgil's College, Hobart, on his remarkable success in securing first place in the examination for the military staff clerkship conducted under the auspices of the Commonwealth authorities. Some two hundred and fifty youths entered for the examination, and it is a great honor to St. Virgil's College that one of its pupils should beat candidates from the whole of the Commonwealth and top the poll. Mr. Haley has on other occasions signalised himself in the college curriculum of study, and is also captain of the college football team, which for two successive years has secured the premiership over all the secondary schools in Tasmania.

Sunday, November 9, was a red-letter day in Galong, when the blessing and opening of St. Laurence's College was performed by the Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn. At the end of the Mass, Dr. Gallagher preached in his usual eloquent style a discourse on the nature and advantages of education blended with religion. His Lordship referred to the noble spirit of faith and generosity that characterised the Catholics in building of schools and colleges at tremendous expense. And in this connection he made special reference to the beautiful edifice just opened, as well as to the unwonted spirit of Christian faith on the part of the benefactress—Miss Ryan—that would suggest this, the crowning fruit of a long line of Church benefactions.

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