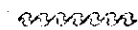


Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Two steamers (says the *Catholic Press* for June 11) arrived in Sydney about 7 a.m. on Monday morning with nominated and other passengers on board. The *Diogenes* carried Dreadnought Farm apprentices, assisted domestics, nominated passengers, and others under the Land Settlement Scheme. Our quota on this steamer was very small, but on the *Baradine* (P. and O. Branch Line), the Catholic Immigrants' Aid Association welcomed the largest number of Catholics who have arrived in Sydney under the migration scheme since its inception, the new arrivals, including nominated passengers, assisted domestics, farm-workers, land settlement scheme and Victorian transferees for farm-work. Many large families were on board.

The Rev. Father T. Segrief, S.M., arrived in the diocese of Lismore recently, to continue the work of appealing for the new Marist Fathers' College. Father Segrief opened his campaign in the Murwillumbah parish on Sunday, 7th inst. Generosity has always been characteristic of the Tweed Catholics, and it is hoped that the cause which Father Segrief so efficiently represents will make a big appeal to the people of the Tweed. The contributions of the various parishes so far canvassed have been excellent. Smithtown and Wardell have already contributed over £800 each, and this when seasons were not so prosperous as they are at present, and as they promise to be in the future.



VICTORIA.

"We arrived in Rome on Thursday and were accorded a magnificent reception" (says a message from Rome under date June 1, from the special correspondent of the Melbourne *Advocate* with the Australasian Pilgrimage). "There were scenes of remarkable enthusiasm as Archbishop Mannix stepped from the train. He was at once greeted by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Hagan, Rector of the Irish College, where the Archbishop will reside during his sojourn in the Eternal City; Bishop Foley, of Ballarat; and Bishop Carroll, of Lismore. Amidst a mingled chorus of "Hurrahs!" and "Vivas!" a band burst forth with "The Queen of the South," Dr. O'Reilly's patriotic anthem. The pilgrims were deeply touched at this tribute to their far-away country. The players were boys and young men from the Salesian Institute, just near the railway station. The Australian flag was saluted by soldiers, sailors, and boy scouts. A familiar figure on the station was that of the Very Rev. Dr. Ronayne, now Assistant-General of the Carmelites and once parish priest of Port Melbourne. With him were the Carmelite Father-General (the Most Rev. E. Magennis) and representatives of the Dominicans, Augustinians, Jesuits, and Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Other well-known ecclesiastics who greeted us were his Excellency the Most Rev. P. Giobbe (Apostolic Nuncio to the Republic of Colombia and till recently Rector of the Propaganda College); Mgr. Rella, of Sistine Choir fame;

the Right Rev. J. Dunne, Auxiliary Bishop of New York; and Father Collender, of Surry Hills (N.S.W.). Conspicuous by their red sashes, students of the Propaganda, many of them Australians, beamed a welcome. Students from the Irish, Gregorian, and other colleges were also present. Our first function in Rome was a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the Church of St. Agatha attached to the Irish College. His Grace was the celebrant, assisted by Mgr. O'Hagan. The students sang the *Te Deum* and the pilgrims "Faith of Our Fathers." On Saturday morning a photograph of the pilgrims was taken on the steps of St. Peter's. In the afternoon a reception in honor of the Archbishop was held at the Irish College. After the reception Dr. Ronayne took a party of us to see the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary at their hospital (San Stefano). Several of these nursing Sisters are Australians. The functions on Sunday in connection with the canonisation of the Curé of Ars (St. John Vianney) and St. John Eudes were magnificent beyond description. We saw our own leader (Dr. Mannix) and other Australian bishops in the long procession of prelates. We saw also Mgr. Perosi, the great composer. Competent authorities state that there were 100,000 people present. There was a tense moment when the Holy Father, seated on the gestatorial chair and carried on the shoulders of liveried attendants, approached the Basilica from the Vatican. When he came in sight there was a tumultuous burst of cheering. As he passed down the centre of the Basilica he blessed the people on either side. At night the dome of St. Peter's was illuminated, and presented a wonderful spectacle. We viewed it from the Carmelite College of St. Bonaventure. Our audience with the Holy Father is arranged for to-morrow morning."

Speaking at the official opening of the reconstructed school at Carlton on Sunday, 31st ult., Dr. McCarthy, Bishop of Sandhurst, made fitting reference to their late esteemed pastor, the Very Rev. Dean Hegarty, who as a young priest, was working in Victoria when the Public Instruction Act of 1872 was passed, and when the Government grant was withdrawn from Catholic schools in 1875. Their deceased pastor had often mentioned with pride how Dr. Gould, then Archbishop of Melbourne, backed up by the priests of Victoria and the devoted and sterling Catholic people, pledged themselves publicly before God and the world that they would not allow one Catholic school to be closed as long as there were even 20 Catholic children to be served. That resolution, based on the firm faith of Australian Catholics and their devotion to the spiritual and temporal interests of their children, had been kept.

QUEENSLAND.

Rev. Brother Purton, who is well-known in Adelaide (says the *Southern Cross*), speaking at a smoke social of the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association, said that he was pleased to see the success that had attended

the Association's efforts in the establishment of a bursary at the college. The time was due now when those responsible for the educational system in vogue in secondary schools would need to look around and, taking stock, decide whether some radical improvements should not be made. Education at the present time had as its sole object the directing of the cleverest towards the professions. But the cleverest formed only a small percentage of the total number turned out by a secondary school, and the large majority of boys were leaving totally unfit for any technical occupation in the world outside. He believed that the time was opportune for the establishment of a technical school under the supervision of the Christian Brothers, and Nudgee College was a good place to start it. They should not let other bodies show them the way in this regard, and technical schools started in the South under the direction of the Christian Brothers had been eminently successful. Most parents sent their boys to school to cram their minds with facts, but the real purpose of education was not so much to teach a boy facts as to teach him how to learn.

The Sisters of Charity (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Catholic Press*) came to Ashgrove with a brilliant record from the southern States at the Archbishop's invitation, and owing to the phenomenal growth of Catholicism in Queensland, said the Rev. Father T. P. Labor, parish priest of Ashgrove, when extending a welcome the other Sunday to Archbishop Duhig, who was present to bless and open St. Finbarr's Convent for the Sisters of Charity. Amongst those present were Mr. W. Lennon (Lieutenant-Governor), and Rev. Fathers Hogan, Fitzgerald, Dowling, and Keating. Archbishop Duhig said the Sisters of Charity were better known to some of them on account of their connection with some of the finest hospitals in the Commonwealth, including the one established at Toowoomba. They were, however, not only great nurses, but successful educationalists, as had been amply proved by their colleges and schools in Sydney and Melbourne. Brisbane was expanding so rapidly that new centres of religious, as well as of commercial activity were being formed, and every new centre was calling for a church and a school. In Ashgrove there had been marked development in the growth of a beautiful suburb. He visualised that growth years ago, and secured land for church purposes. However, he did not then think that they would be so fortunate as to be able to secure a home like this for the Sisters. It was suitable in every respect, and made an ideal convent. In addition to the two acres surrounding the house, the Sisters had been able to purchase an area of land at the rear, so that there would be ample room for the children's recreation as long as the school continued to be carried on in these grounds. The cost of building and grounds had been £5500. No money could be expended to better advantage than that which was spent on education, and particularly on education such as was given by the Sisters, for it was the complete education—moral, intellectual, and social.

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