

# Commonwealth Notes

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

Next month the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale, will celebrate his golden sacerdotal jubilee. He was elevated to the purple as Coadjutor to Dr. Murray on 3rd May, 1903, and succeeded to the See on 28th January, 1904.

His Lordship the Bishop of Maitland, the Right Rev. Dr. P. V. Dwyer, has arranged to leave on August 13, on a visit to Rome.

Sunday was a beautiful day. The bells of St. Mary's pealed forth their glad some chimes during the morning over the silent city, and in the magnificent bays of the harbor the mammoth battleships of the visiting United States Fleet lay peacefully at anchor; within the Cathedral an immense congregation of the faithful assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which was being celebrated by the chaplain of the fleet, Captain Chaplain E. A. Brodmann (says the *Freeman's Journal* for July 30). The subdued light of the great Cathedral was mellowed and colored by the multitudinous rays that penetrated the stain glass windows of the sacred shrine. In that crowded assembly were a large number of officers and men from the warships and the Catholic members of the "Young Australia League"—boys from the country, now on holiday in Sydney. His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, who was attended by the Rev. Fathers E. Bond (Adm.) and E. McDonnell, presided at the ceremonies. It had been intended that this, the 10 o'clock Mass, on Sunday last should have taken the form of a comprehensive church parade ceremony for the Catholic officers and sailors of the American Squadron, but owing to the fact that general leave for 48 hours had been granted on Saturday to two-thirds of the complement—the remainder being retained on duty—before particulars of the proposed function at the Cathedral had been issued, low Mass only was said in place of High Mass, in connection with which the Cathedral Choir had specially prepared Delany's Mass in A flat. However, the choir was in attendance, and rendered portions of Silas' Mass in C, with Abt's "Ave Maria" at the Offertory. It was subsequently announced by the Administrator, the Rev. Father E. Bond, that in consequence of the enforced abandonment of the intended ceremonies of that morning it had been decided that a grand church parade at High Mass would take place on Sunday morning, the 2nd August, at 10 o'clock. Towards the close of the Mass the Rev. Father E. A. Brodmann (chaplain to the Fleet) ascended the pulpit, and said he wished, in the name of the Catholics of the fleet, to extend to all their sincerest and heartfelt compliments. He regretted the conflicting of the orders regarding the church parade and the 48 hours' leave, which had thus resulted in the meagre attendance at this Mass. He said it gave him particular pleasure, and no small pride to stand in this magnificent Cathedral so many miles from the United States—it impressed him so much with the universality of the Catholic Church. He seemed as if he was at home—in fact, no Catholic felt more at home than when with-

in the sacred edifice with friends from the Antipodes one in faith and one in baptism. Continuing, he said that as a chaplain and officer of the fleet he felt proud to be a Catholic, and he trusted he would never forget God for that most precious of all gifts that could be given. He conveyed with all sincerity the greeting to his Grace Archbishop Kelly and the Catholics of Australia entrusted to him by his Eminence Cardinal John Hayes of New York.

## VICTORIA.

Good progress is being made with the extensions to Corpus Christi College, Werribee, and the authorities will be able to take in many extra ecclesiastical students next year. The Rector is Very Rev. Father A. Power, S.J.

His Lordship the Vicar-Apostolic of Kimberley, the Right Rev. Dr. Coppo, presided over a splendidly-attended meeting of Italian Catholics resident in Melbourne at St. Ignatius', Richmond, the other week, when a branch of the Australia-Italia Association was successfully inaugurated.

The Superior-General of the Marist Brothers has appointed Rev. Brother Brendan to be Provincial of the Institute in Australia. Brother Brendan, for the past 18 months, had been Director of St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, and was previously director of the Assumption College, Kilmore (Victoria). Rev. Brother Edmund, late of Sydney, has been appointed to the staff of the new college at Hawthorn.

A church parade was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Sunday last (says the *Catholic Press* for July 30). Seats in the nave were reserved for Catholic officers and men of the U.S.A. Fleet. Over four hundred visitors were present, including Rear-Admiral H. J. Zeigemeier, of the Pennsylvania, the flagship of the third battleship division, who was attended by Flag-Comamnder Libaud. Paymaster-Commander Hehir represented the Australian Navy. There was a crowded congregation, many having to stand in the aisles. Rear-Admiral Zeigemeier was met at the entrance to the Cathedral by the Very Rev. Father J. Lonergan (Adm.), and escorted to a seat near the pulpit. Chaplain-Commander McFadden, Catholic naval chaplain to the American Fleet, who is attached to the Nevada, sang the Mass. The Rev. Father P. J. Gibbons, of Brighton, was deacon, with the Rev. Father F. Moynihan, of the Cathedral, as sub-deacon; and the Rev. Father J. Greenan, of the Cathedral, as master of ceremonies. It is estimated that quite 3000 men of the Fleet in Melbourne are Catholics, many of whom, at the conclusion of the church parade were entertained at the Cathedral Hall, and were afterwards taken in motor cars to the various pleasure resorts near Melbourne.

## QUEENSLAND.

His Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by Monsignor Byrne, V.G., returned from Papua by the steamer Morinda on Wednesday week (writes the Brisbane correspondent

of the *Catholic Press* for July 30). The visit was a most interesting one, and the Archbishop expresses himself as deeply impressed by the wonderful work accomplished amongst the native race by the Fathers of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Bishop De Boismenu was celebrated with great solemnity on Sunday, 12th inst. The processions through palm-lined avenues, beautifully decorated for the occasion, were on a splendid scale, and made a profound impression on the native villagers, who had gathered from mountain and seaside to honor their beloved chief pastor. The Solemn High Mass was celebrated by his Grace the Archbishop, assisted by the Fathers of the mission. His Lordship Dr. De Boismenu presided, having as assistants at the throne Monsignor Byrne and his own Vicar-General, Very Rev. Pere Chabot. The music sung by a native choir was under the direction of Rev. Pere Norin. After the Mass the Archbishop addressed the people, and his words were translated into the native tongue by one of the Fathers. A most gracious letter of congratulation to his Lordship was received from his Holiness Pope Pius XI. The Archbishop conveyed greetings from the Apostolic Delegate, and presented the Bishop with a gift of gold, in token of Queensland's friendship. The illuminations by night were really magnificent, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the natives, who were receiving the hospitality of the Bishop, for his Lordship loves his dusky flock, whom he affectionately calls his children, and so he had invited those of them who had come from a distance to stay in the native apartments of the Mission House.

At the invitation of his Lordship Dr. De Boismenu, the Archbishop of Brisbane before leaving for Queensland, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of native children at the Catholic Church, Port Moresby. The regard which the Governor, Sir Herbert Murray, has for those little children, and, indeed, for the native population in general, may be judged by the fact that he offered to stand as sponsor for the boys, and walked from the Government House to the church for the ceremony. This exemplary Catholic act on the part of his Excellency was greatly appreciated; but after all it is only in keeping with the fervent practice of his faith, which so edifies the native congregation in every village where his Excellency may happen to be on a Sunday.

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