

## Commonwealth Notes

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

Commenting editorially, the *Sydney Freeman's Journal* says:—The seeds of patriotism sown many years ago in the hearts of the Australian people by that wise statesman and eminent Prince of the Church, his Eminence Cardinal Moran, and carefully tended by our prelates and priests, promise now to bring forth that national harvest which is truly the birthright of every nation. To advocate Australia First, to honor her flag, was deemed not so many years ago by the ultra-loyalists as sentiments extremely disloyal to the Empire. Happily, the trend of present thought and political activities is tending in the direction of those grand precepts and principles which formed one of the ideals to which the late Cardinal devoted his glorious life. Only the other day the Minister for Education, the Hon. A. Bruntnell, issued official instructions that the Australian children attending the State schools were to be formed in a hollow square each morning and to salute the Australian flag, at the same time making declaration of loyalty to their God and their country. None too soon has this spirit of Australian sentiment been awakened in the hearts of our political leaders. This patriotic aspiration has long been fostered in our Catholic schools. They ploughed the lonely patriotic furrow for many years. To-day they have the State Government falling into line. All true Australians will rejoice at this recognition—tardy though it may be—of our national flag, under whose starry folds its heroic sons blazoned upon the pages of the world's history countless deeds of Spartan bravery, endurance, and sacrifice.

The Very Rev. Father Peters, Adm., presided at a largely attended meeting of the Cathedral parishioners in the Marist Brothers' High School, Maitland, the other Sunday evening, when arrangements were made for the celebration of the silver episcopal jubilee of his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer, who was consecrated in St. John's Cathedral, on June 5, by the late Cardinal Moran. Father Peters explained that the Bishop proposed to have a celebration for the children; but it had been decided to defer the general celebration until the opening of their new hall in three or four months. Father Peters and others paid tribute to the glorious record of work achieved by the Bishop during his episcopate, and also as a Cathedral priest, as Diocesan Inspector of Schools, as president of the Sacred Heart College, and as Coadjutor to the late venerable Bishop Murray, and there was a general desire that the celebration should, as far as possible, be made worthy of the occasion of the celebration of the silver jubilee of the first Australian-born Bishop.

### VICTORIA.

A venerable member of the Jesuit community of St. Ignatius', Richmond, passed peacefully away to the reward of good and faithful service recently, fortified by all the consolations of religion. He had been ailing for some considerable time, hence his death was not unexpected. Father Morrough was born in Doneraile, Co. Cork, Ireland, 77 years ago. His early studies were made at a school in Tullabeg, King's Co., where he remained for three years. From there he proceeded to Clongowes, spending two years, and at the completion of his novitiate he proceeded to St. Acheul's, France, where some years were devoted to the study of the Humanities. At the Roman College he went through his philosophic course, and finished his ecclesiastical studies at the Jesuit College, St. Beuno's, North Wales, where he was ordained a member of the Jesuit Order in the year 1864. He celebrated his golden jubilee as a Jesuit Father in 1914. Coming to Australia in 1882, he was attached to Xavier and St. Patrick's Colleges, Melbourne, and to St. Aloysius' and St. Ignatius' Colleges, Sydney. For some years he labored zealously in the Hawthorn mission, and for 25 years on the St. Ignatius' mission, Richmond.

Melbourne City Council (says the *Catholic Press*, Sydney) are adding to their sectarian laurels by using the bludgeon upon the little orphaned lads of St. Augustine's, Geelong. The engagement of Melbourne Town Hall for a concert in aid of this most deserving charity was cancelled at the eleventh hour by the council, presumably because his Grace the Archbishop (Dr. Mannix) would preside. This,

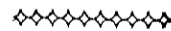
however, will only assure a still greater success to the object, as the concert will be held in the Olympia.

Speaking at a Communion breakfast at North Melbourne, the other Sunday, Archbishop Mannix said that the Melbourne Town Hall was not available for a concert to be given in aid of St. Augustine's Orphanage, Geelong. The organisers had been asked to give a guarantee that there would be nothing sectarian or political at the concert, and, deeming it to be an insult, they refused to give any such specific guarantee. The concert had been organised for the benefit of a deserving institution, and there was no reason to fear that anything sectarian or political would be introduced into the proceedings. He could not understand why he should be considered likely to say anything sectarian, as he had never done so during the course of his life. He had often endeavored to restrain sectarians, but he had never been a sectarian himself. He had no sympathy with sectarianism, no matter from what quarter it came. Whatever might be said about sectarianism, he was under the impression that politics could be discussed at the Town Hall, and political meetings were frequently held in that building. But the Christian Brothers were asked to guarantee that no political allusions would be allowed at their concert. It was ridiculous and absurd, and to his mind one of the hotbeds of sectarianism in Melbourne was the City Town Hall and the City Council also.



### QUEENSLAND.

The Very Rev. P. M. Bucas, the most venerable figure in Central Queensland, is at present a patient in the Mater Hospital, Rockhampton (says the *Brisbane Catholic Advocate*). Father Bucas was born in France in 1840. When quite young, he went to New Zealand, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1864. For three years he devoted himself to missionary work among the Maoris. In 1867 he was sent to Brisbane for missionary work among the aboriginals. In 1869 he went to Mackay and established an aboriginal colony there. He became an expert at the native language, worked with fruitful zeal for the welfare of the aboriginals, and attended to the spiritual wants of the local white Catholics. The parishes of Mackay, Bowen, Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Hughenden, and almost all the Central parishes had their beginning under his care. When Rockhampton was established as a separate diocese in 1882, he assisted the first Bishop, Dr. Cani, with great success. Though now 82 years of age, and in the 58th year of a most interesting and most strenuous missionary career, he is still possessed of his full mental powers; and though French is his native language, he speaks with perfect ease the most polished English. He has always been a great reader, and is, as a result, a man of profound knowledge. Though physically rather feeble, he is still a most interesting and brilliant conversationalist. The devoted Sisters of the Mater will, needless to say, tenderly nurse and care for the grand old venerable priest.



### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide, speaking at the opening of a convent at Balaklava, said that wherever there was an absence of a convent there was also a lack of a true Catholic atmosphere. When a convent was established that atmosphere grew on them, and its effect was speedily observed in the demeanor of adults and the conduct of children. If any non-Catholic children were sent to the schools their parents might rest assured that their Faith would not be tampered with. He did not see why between the Catholics and Protestants there should not be the most amicable relations, and, generally speaking, he was glad to say that such a state of conditions did exist. There were unfortunately bigots who did their best to rouse sectarian bitterness and hatred. He almost wished that these people bore the outward signs of the devil, for then they might see the "tail." They, however, worked underground and did not come out into the open.

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