

Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A new professor for the teaching staff of St. Patrick's College, Manly, arrived from Rome some weeks ago, in the person of the Rev. Dr. Leonard. Dr. Leonard is a native of Co. Limerick, Ireland. He made his ecclesiastical studies in Rome, where, after his ordination, he spent some years studying at the Biblical Institute. Dr. Leonard is an expert in Hebrew and in some of the Eastern languages that help to throw light on Biblical matters. He takes the Chair of Sacred Scripture at the college.

Said Bishop Dwyer, of Maitland, recently: "In their Catholic schools they didn't take religion as an additional subject. They liked it to permeate the work of the school. Their teachers loved it and succeeded in getting into the minds of the children a reverence for God and truth. In the diocese of Maitland, of which the Manning was the most northern end, they had an educational system attended by 6500 scholars. The teachers belonged to various religious Orders. In the results obtained in secular education, particularly in the recent examination, they had succeeded in doing better than the secular schools around them. Of the 35 bursaries available to the schools in the diocese (State and religious) 15 had been won by children attending the Catholic schools. One of the inspectors in their schools had informed him that their children had taken more bursaries than their share."

Through the courtesy of Messrs. E. J. and Dan Carroll, the Sistine Choir soloists, prior to their departure for Europe, gave a splendid concert at the Conservatorium Hall, Sydney, to over a thousand Sisters and teaching Brothers of the city and suburbs. The State Orchestra supported the soloists. The programme was an excellent one. Each piece was exquisitely given, and the enthusiasm was marked. Rev. Father P. Crowley, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, in a very happy speech, thanked the soloists and the orchestra for their magnificent musical treat provided for the religious teachers of our schools. "The teachers," he said, "were anxious to hear the best models, and in the Sistine Choir and its soloists the cultured land of Italy had sent her best to Australia." He thanked Messrs. Carroll, also Nicholson and Co., Ltd., and especially Mr. Talty. Very Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, C.M., and Rev. Father J. Meany spoke in support. Among those present were: The Right Rev. Mgr. Hayden, Rev. Dr. Nevin, Rev. Fathers Sherin (Golden Grove), J. Halpin (Adm., St. Benedict's), McHugh, Rev. Brother Henry (South Africa), Sir Harry and Lady Lauder, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McElhone and daughters, Mrs. Freehill, Mr. R. Nathan, Dr. Nolan, and Dr. O'Donnell.

VICTORIA.

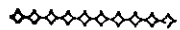
On Easter Sunday, a Grocery Afternoon, at which his Grace the Archbishop (Most Rev. Dr. Mannix) was present, was held in the grounds of the Carmelite Monastery, Hawthorn. Associated with his Grace were Very Rev. T. Hearn, S.J.; Revs. M. Watson, S.J.; C. Delaney, S.J.; and W. Moloney, S.J. Father Watson, in a brief speech, expressed his gratification at the large attendance. There was an added joy in the presence of the Archbishop. (Applause.) A heavy debt still remained on the monastery, and every possible effort should be made to reduce it. In leaving Sydney to set up a house in this State, the Sisters had displayed very great courage. They relied on the generosity of the Hawthorn people, and their expectation had been happily fulfilled. They had perfect faith in God. Their great founder, St. Teresa, was once faced with the problem of establishing a convent towards which she had only four ducats. "With these four ducats," she said, "I can do nothing; but with four ducats and God I can do everything." That was the spirit of the Carmelite Order. His Grace the Archbishop said he was grateful to the ladies who had organised the afternoon, and to the artists who had contributed the excellent programme, to which he and everyone else present had listened with a very real enjoyment. This was his first experience of a "Grocery Afternoon." He was familiar with entertainments at which groceries were distributed—at a price; but this was the first within his personal knowledge at which groceries had been handed in. (Laughter.) Recently he had the opportunity of inspecting the Sisters' larder. Then it could scarcely be

called a retail store. In future, if the afternoon proved the success he hoped, it might be likened to a small wholesale store. No doubt most of those present had favors to seek from God—some desires they had set their hearts upon. Nothing was so likely to further such desires as their kindness and generosity to the Sisters. The Sisters were very near and dear to God, and their prayers were wonderfully efficacious. They succeeded sometimes when all others failed. Some time ago he had been worried about the difficulties—they seemed almost unsurmountable—in the way of attaining an object that was of the utmost importance to him. To be frank, it was to induce the General of the Jesuits to allow members of his Order to undertake the charge of the new Seminary. The Sisters carried the fort, and the chief of the difficulties surrounding the establishment of Corpus Christi College had been removed. What they had done for him, they could, and would, do for other people. Thus they would return thanks for all kindnesses extended to them.



WEST AUSTRALIA.

By the s.s. *Ville de Metz* on last Saturday (says the *W.A. Record* for April 7), the first band of the Salesian Order, bound for the Nor'-West, arrived at Fremantle. The missionary contingent is made up of three priests—Father Siara, V.G., Father Lopez, and Father Rossetti—and three lay Brothers—Brother Gomez, Brother Aselli, and Brother Atiarni. Taking them physically, they seem like men able to grapple with the difficulties of a mission like the Kimberleys. This is the first time the Salesians have come to Australia; and when questioned as to their prospects for their future spread in the Commonwealth, the Vicar-General replied: "We hope in time to open a Don Bosco Institute in some of the larger centres of Australia, possibly Sydney or Melbourne." Father Siara, the Vicar-General, Polish by birth, speaks English with no little success. He admitted that he is master of seven other languages. His English was acquired in America, where he spent two years as the Rector of the Don Bosco Institute in the State of New Jersey. Asked as to the arrival of Monsignor Coppo, the newly-consecrated Bishop of the Kimberleys, the Vicar-General replied: "The Monsignor is at present in the United States (where he has spent 25 years), collecting for the Mission, and may arrive in the West in two months to take charge." The hardships of the Mission have no dread for these men—they seem men of determination, who smile at difficulties. We welcome them to our shores, knowing what they have done for other lands, and we feel that the State is enriched by their presence.



QUEENSLAND.

It is gratifying to the supporters of the Brisbane Hibernian Band (writes the Brisbane correspondent of the *Catholic Press*) that it was the winner of the three events it competed in, viz., C. Grade Test Selection, C. Grade Street March (for Courier Cup), and C. Grade Quick-Step March. Hearty congratulations to all concerned.

The Rev. Father McGoldrick, of Herston, in the archdiocese of Brisbane, is about to leave Australia, and to take up duties with the Maynooth Mission in China. During the 12 years that Father McGoldrick has been in Brisbane he has endeared himself to a large circle of friends, both Catholic and non-Catholic. He was attached to the Cathedral for nearly ten years, and was transferred from there to then newly-formed parish of Herston, where he has been stationed since July, 1920. For the past six years he has also filled the position of chaplain to St. Joseph's College, Nudgee.



TASMANIA.

The illustrious Archbishop of Melbourne (Most Rev. Dr. Mannix), will arrive in Hobart on the 27th inst. The visit of his Grace is being looked forward to by Catholics and Irishmen and Irishwomen, as well as Irish-Australians. His Grace is to have little spare time while in Hobart. He is to open St. Joseph's new school while here, and is to preside at a Communion breakfast of the Catholic men of Hobart on Sunday, 29th inst. His Grace is also to deliver an address in the City Hall in Hobart on the night of the 30th inst., and it is safe to assert that the hall will not be large enough for the occasion.

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