

### DEATH OF THE REV. J. HORAN.

THE Rev. Father Joseph Horan died at the Presbytery, Carcoar, on Friday evening, after a long and painful illness. The rev. gentleman was a nephew of the late Bishop Quinn of Bathurst, with whom he came to the colony about 19 years ago. He occupied the position of president of St. Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, for several years. Being most zealous and devoted, he greatly overtaxed his strength, and he fell into consumption, from which he died. Father Horan has had charge of the Carcoar and Cowra parish for more than three years, during which period his energy and enthusiasm in the discharge of his pastoral duties has resulted in the indebtedness of the churches being very materially reduced. His death will be mourned by the whole Catholic body, to whom his faithfulness and devotedness to the Church had greatly endeared him. His liberal attitude towards other denominations earned him universal respect. His death was not expected as the rev. gentleman has been in a very precarious state of health for many months past. His brother from Queensland and several other relatives were summoned hastily about two months ago, but after their arrival he rallied again, and hopes of his recovery were entertained. These hopes were, however, of short duration, and on Friday he breathed his last. The funeral was the largest that ever took place in the district, numbers of people having come from many towns in the Western district. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the chapel by Bishop Byrne, of Bathurst, before the cortège started. Various priests from many parts of the diocese

took part in the solemn rites. Most business places were closed during the day. The Rev. Andrew Horan, of Ipswich (Q.), and the Rev. James J. Horan, of Warwick (Q.), are brothers of the deceased. *Requiescat in pace.*

Our Bathurst correspondent sends the following tribute:—The death of Father Horan at Carcoar caused a feeling of grief to pervade all classes here, where he was well known. The rev. gentleman was for a long time connected with St. Stanislaus' College, and there as elsewhere made hosts of firm friends. A good, holy, zealous priest, a cultured, genial gentleman, a patriotic, liberal citizen, the good father's death causes a severe loss to the Church, and to the whole community. His Lordship journeyed to Carcoar and assisted at the solemn offices. The interment took place on Monday, and friends from great distances, Bathurst and other places, assembled to pay the

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ON Sunday evening the Passionists close their mission at St. Patrick's City Church.

FATHER Joseph Horan, of the Bathurst diocese, has just passed away deeply regretted.

THE Pope has cordially received a special envoy from the Emperor of Germany.

THE PROVINCE OF MELBOURNE AND THE PETER'S PENCE.—With respect to the Jubilee offerings of Peter's Pence from the Province of Melbourne, we learn with much pleasure that besides the £2000 sent from the Melbourne diocese and mentioned last week, the Diocese of Ballarat sent £1000, Sandhurst over £500, and Sale and Hobart considerable amounts.

It is a singular thing that Monsignor Rigney, our oldest priest, should be in charge of the oldest church in the diocese. The foundation-stone of St. Patrick's Church, Parramatta, was laid as far back as St. Patrick's Day, 1836. The first religious procession in the colony took place on that day.

AT Wagga Wagga on Thursday a complimentary concert was tendered to Mr. W. G. Broadhurst, who is leaving wagga. At the conclusion Mr. Broadhurst, who has been acting as organist of St. Michael's Church, stated that he had accepted the position of organist at St. Ignatius, Church and College, Melbourne. He expressed deep regret at leaving.

THE members of the Bathurst Catholic Society celebrated their first anniversary by a banquet in the Guild Hall. The members had issued invitations to their lady friends, and provision was made for about 150. The President of the Society, Rev. Father Riordan, occupied the chair, and he had on his right his Lordship the Bishop of Bathurst. A number of excellent speeches were made.

THERE is to be a grand concert in aid of St. Mary's Convent, Scone, on the night of the 26th, and judging from the preparations that are being made, and the high reputation of the ladies and gentlemen who are to take part in it, it will be a real treat and well worthy of Anniversary night. The fact that the Convent School children are to take a very prominent part in the concert is in itself an item well calculated to make it inviting.

WE trust that intending holiday-makers will keep their eye on the announcements of the Hibernian Society with regard to the monster excursion-picnic to Clontarf on Anniversary Day. The picnic is being held to raise funds for the

excursion-picnic to CROGGH ON ANNIVERSARY DAY. The picnic is being held to raise funds for the new Hibernian Hall, and we hope to see a large measure of public patronage extended to the society on the day of outing. It may be stated that elaborate arrangements have been made with a view to having the affair carried out in a first-class style.

THE numerous friends of the Right Hon. W. B. Dalley, P.C., will be glad to learn that he has sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of illness to again join in social gatherings. To a deputation who waited upon Mr. Dalley at his residence at Manly on Tuesday, he consented to preside at a picnic to be given to distinguished Roman Catholic visitors at Cabarita on Wednesday, 25th inst. Mr. Dalley will also take part in a public meeting to be held in St. Mary's Cathedral on the evening of the 24th inst.

A WRITER on the Rockhampton BULLETIN gives a highly favourable account of a visit to the Catholic orphanage at Feekol, not far from Rockhampton. The writer says:—"Nature adds fresh beauty to the lovely ridge, whose summit is mantled with the lofty and spacious buildings of the Orphanage. It commands a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains, luxuriant in trees and shrubs. When inside the circle of the buildings you behold nature in its magnificence, and you cannot but admire the good Bishop who has founded and nursed this benevolent work to its present state, in such a short time, and under great difficulties."

ST. PETER'S FANCY FAIR.—Father O'Brien and his secretaries, Messrs. Kain and Byrne, have spared no trouble to make the fair at the Odd-fellows' Hall, Elizabeth-street, attractive. Besides the usual run of bazaar attractions, there has been a series of Irish dramatic representations and musical entertainments. In order to keep up with the holiday times the fair will remain open a fortnight. The takings at the stalls are, we understand, already considerable. The spectacular effect of the Irish drama which is given nightly is much enhanced by the costumes worn by the performers, and all of which, we learn, have been most kindly lent by Mr. Dampier, of the Gaiety Theatre.

WEDDING BELLS.—On the 3rd instant Mr. John M. Taylor led to the altar at St. Mary's, St. Leonards, Miss Crowley, the daughter of our old friend Mr. J. Crowley, of North Shore. Father M. Kelly, S. J. officiated. The bride, who looked charming in a travelling costume of fawn cashmere with bronze trimming, was attended by Miss M. Garvan and Miss M. E. Taylor as bridesmaids. Mr. George Crowley looked after the bridegroom.

MR. GARVAN AND MISS M. E. TAYLOR AS BRIDE AND BRIDE-GROOM.  
Mr. George Crowley looked after the bridegroom. At the dejeuner, served in Callaghan's best style at the residence of the bride's father, the toast of the happy pair was proposed by Father Kelly in very felicitous terms and responded to by the bridegroom. The toast of the parents of the bride was proposed in eloquent terms by Mr. J. P. Garvan, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Crowley. Numerous other toasts followed, and shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left for Katoomba amidst the blessings and good wishes of their friends, manifested by the younger members in showers of rice and slippers. The wedding presents, most of which were of a serviceable nature, were both numerous and elegant.

THE Bathurst Convent bazaar closes to-night.

FATHER E. P. Sheehy, of the Diocese of Maitland, who had been staying a week in Sydney, returned to Maitland on Thursday.

ARCHBISHOP Reynolds will sing the High Mass in St. Mary's on Sunday week, when the religious celebration of the Centennial commences.

FATHER Darcy, having seen the branch community of the Brigidine Order established at Cooma, returned to Coonamble on Thursday last.

WE are glad to hear that the laundry in connection with the Tempe Magdalen Refuge is being patronized. On all sides the excellent work done in the laundry is praised.

FATHER O'Reilly, of the Eden district, who was thrown from his horse some time ago, and received severe injuries, is now, we are pleased to learn, almost completely recovered.

THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS.—The monthly meeting of this Order will be held at Waverley on Sunday next at 3 p.m. On this occasion a number of the members will appear in the full "habits" of the Order with cord and beads.

IT is highly probable his Excellency the Governor of New South Wales and several of the Governors of the other colonies will attend the grand Centennial service in St. Mary's on Sunday morning, 29th inst.

THE Right Hon. W. B. Dalley will, on behalf of the Catholics of the colony, present an address of welcome to Lord Carrington and the visiting Governors at the Centennial meeting in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, January 24th.

THE abstract of returns of schools in the Diocese of Maitland show that for the quarter ending December 30 the total number of schools was 27, and the total number of pupils in attendance 2444, including nearly 100 Protestants. The sum of £468 14s. 4d. was received in fees.

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FOR the information of those interested we would draw attention to the fact that the drawing of prizes for the Waverley art-union will take place in St. Clare's Schoolroom, on next Monday evening, 16th inst., at 8 p.m. Mr. E. Butcher will preside. Vendors of tickets are requested to forward butts immediately.

ALL the arrangements in connection with the complimentary banquet to Monsignor Rigney, a report of which appeared last week, were carried out by a committee composed of the Rev. J. Byrne of St. Mary's, the Rev. P. Le Rennetel of St. Patrick's, the Rev. P. Ryan of St. Francis', the Rev. P. Connan of St. Benedict's, and the Rev. T. O'Reilly of St. Joseph's, Balmain.

CARDINAL Moran and the prelates who are coming to Sydney for the celebration have accepted invitations to the public banquet which is to take place on Thursday, 26th inst. His Eminence and party have also received invitations to the Governor's private banquet at Government House on the following evening.

ALL the Redemptorist Fathers spent Christmas together at their monastery of St. Alphonsus, Waratah. The Fathers have now set out to conduct missions in various districts; Fathers O'Farrell and O'Neill going to Beechworth, Victoria, Fathers Hegarty and Hearn to Glen Innes, and Fathers Bergin and Stokes to Grenfell.

OLD pupils of St. Mary's Seminary and St. John's, Kent-street, will be pleased to know that their former master, Mr. John Kevin, now Inspector under the Public Instruction Department, has published a book of children's tales under the title of "My Centennial Gift." Mr. Kevin has adopted as a *nom de plume* "Arthur Ferres," but old pupils will easily detect his hand. A little notice of the book appears elsewhere.

THE interesting ceremony of opening and blessing the new Church of St. Paul's, Moss Vale, will take place on Sunday, the 15th inst., when Monsignor Rigney—as representative of the Cardinal—will visit Moss Vale, from Sydney, in order to perform the opening ceremony. The ceremonies will be conducted by Monsignor Rigney—morning and evening—assisted by the Rev. D. A. Harnett, pastor.

NEW SCHOOL-HALL AT ST. BENEDICT'S.—We understand that arrangements have been made for laying the first stone of the new school-hall at St. Benedict's, on the afternoon of Sunday week. The Cardinal-Archbishop is to perform the ceremony. The hall, apart from the school accommodation, will be 100 feet by 30 feet. Messrs. Tappin, Gilbert, and Dennehy are the architects. Father

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DURING the past fortnight the Passionist Fathers have been actively engaged conducting a mission in St. Patrick's city Church. All the devotions and services have been attended by great crowds of people, and the eloquent discourses of Fathers Alphonsus, Marcellus, and Patrick have evidently produced a marked effect. The mission will be brought to a close with much solemnity on Sunday evening, when the Renewal of Baptismal Vows will take place, and the Papal Blessing will be bestowed.

THE JESUIT COLLEGE, KEW (VIC).—It is no exceptional thing (says the Melbourne Advocate) for St. Francis Xavier's College, Kew, to come remarkably well out of the educational test which a university examination affords. Notwithstanding the fact well known to persons acquainted with collegiate systems that the Jesuit Fathers do not cram with the object of securing passes and making a show, but direct their efforts to educating their pupils on a sound, solid basis, from which constant progress may be reasonably anticipated, a large percentage of the students whom they send up to the University usually pass, and this is a very satisfactory proof of its soundness and efficiency. Eight pupils of this college presented themselves as candidates for matriculation at the recent December examinations. Not only did all the eight candidates pass, but they likewise succeeded in obtaining thirteen honours in various subjects. Concerning results in particular subjects we need only mention that all the pupils of this college passed in Latin, and two obtained honours; all likewise passed in French, and five obtained honours. All passed in English, and three obtained honours. In Greek and history only one pupil failed, while two obtained honours in history, and one obtained honours in Greek. In geography and physics all passed, while there was only one failure in geometry and algebra. Thus the Jesuit College, Kew, has obtained full per centage of passes in Latin, French, English, history, geography, physics, and almost full percentage in geometry and algebra.

SATISFACTORY progress is being made with the new church at Moruya. It is of granite and will cost £5000. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, the architects, inspected the works last week.

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WE have received from his Lordship, Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, an account of the subscriptions received from abroad for the completion of St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. The lists show that several old Kilkenny people in the colony subscribed.

MR. John Bridge announces a lantern lecture with concert in the New Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 19th inst., in aid of the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Madame Maxon, Mrs. H.

M'Mahon (solo cornet player), Mr. Fred. Leston, and other well-known professionals are to assist, having kindly given their services. The committee of management is composed of Mr. M. M'Mahon, Captain O'Sullivan, Mr. T. Dalton, M.P., Mr. Punch, Mr. E. J. Hollingdale, and Mr. Bridge.

ON Friday by the "Britannia" Mr. Thos. E. Synnott sailed for a trip to the old country on family business of importance. His father, who was most highly respected, recently died, leaving money and property to the extent of about half-a-million, including noble donations to charities. Mr. Thomas E. Synnott is an active member of St. Patrick's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and a number of the members of the society generally accompanied the "Britannia" to the heads in Captain Byrnes' fine steamer "Princess," where a most hearty three times three cheer was given to Mr. Synnott—with safe home and back.

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