

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Mayor Moore, of Omaha, Neb., whose death was recently announced, became a Catholic on his deathbed. He had governed Omaha for nine years.

The conversion of a Jew, a rather rare event, has just taken place at Venice. The convert, Forti Felice, is twenty-four years of age. He was baptised by the Patriarch of Venice.

Three Catholic Archbishops and seven Bishops of the American hierarchy in the last fifty years were born Protestants. The Anglican Prelate, Bishop Ives, of North Carolina, divested himself of his Episcopal office and became a layman in the Catholic Church.

During the lifetime of the late Bishop Thorold, Winchester, two of his children became Catholics. His eldest daughter has now been received into the Church by Father Maturin, the well-known preacher and former Cowley Father. Bishop Thorold's wife was a sister of Mrs. Henry Labouchere.

It will give great pleasure to many of our readers to learn (says the 'Catholic Times') that Mrs. Katharine Parr has been received back into the Church. The ceremony of reconciliation, which was of a practically private nature, was performed at Buckfast Abbey, on the Feast of the Precious Blood, by the Abbot Dom Boniface Natter, assisted by Father Winfrid Rechsteiner, O.S.B. The ceremony took place at the Lady altar containing the famous pre-Reformation statue of Our Lady of Buckfast, and Mrs. Parr's daughter was the only other person present.

Mrs. J. D. Weaver, Dallas, Texas, widely known throughout the State because of her prominence in charitable and philanthropic works, was received into the Catholic Church by Rev. J. M. Hayes, of the Cathedral, a short time previous to her death, which occurred recently. Mrs. Weaver had belonged to the Protestant Episcopal Church, but for some years she had shown a strong attraction for the Catholic faith, having been brought into closer touch with its workings in the pursuit of her own benevolent efforts. She was president of the Federation of Women's Clubs and was associated with the educational enterprises of her native state.

Our readers (says the Ceylon 'Catholic Messenger') will learn with pleasure of the return to the true Faith of Mr S. D'Penha, lately one of the most influential adherents of the 'Independent Catholic' schism. This happy event took place in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Hope, Bombay. Mr D'Penha's re-admission to the Church was preceded by a retreat conducted by the Very Rev. Father Aloysius Gyr, S.J., Vicar of the Cathedral. Mr D'Penha desired that the news of his conversion be published in the Catholic Press of Ceylon, for as the schismatics gave great publicity to his unhappy lapse into the errors of their sect, he now wishes it to be known that he no longer belongs to them, and hopes that by the public announcement of his return to Holy Church, the public scandal which his apostasy caused may be removed.

Sermons in stones assuredly there are, if we may judge by the number of architects who have joined the Catholic Church (says the London 'Tablet'). Some of the most illustrious names of the profession are on that list from the days of Inigo Jones, fined as a recusant, to those of Pugin and Scott. One such eminent architect, a convert to the Church, was Mr Garner, whose death we now deeply regret to announce. Formerly a partner in the firm of Bodley and Garner, he had of late years devoted a large portion of his time to work at Downside, and at Downside his ashes will appropriately rest. He bought and admirably restored Fritwell Manor House, near Souldern, Banbury, some years ago; and it was here that this devout Catholic passed away, after only a short illness, receiving the last rites of the Church at the hands of Father Glossop.

Any brief respite he can snatch from his political duties Mr. Birrell, the British Minister of Education, spends in haunting second-hand bookshops.

MYERS & CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George Street. They guarantee the highest class of work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth.

Domestic

By 'Maureen'

Beef Tea.

When making beef tea do not add salt to the meat until it has been cooking for some time, as the salt prevents some of the nourishment from being extracted.

To Keep Macaroni.

Macaroni deteriorates very rapidly if it is kept in anything but covered jars or bottles. The great secret in cooking it is to plunge it in salted water which is boiling quickly.

How to Clean Mirrors.

Finger marks on looking glasses may be removed by means of a few drops of ammonia. Fly specks should be washed off with cold water, the mirror being afterwards polished with chamois leather.

Strawberry Microbes.

The cold eye of science has seen that strawberries are a favorable resting place for air-borne poisons. It is suggested that before they are eaten all strawberries should be washed in clean water. The process will not injure the fruit in the least.

Cutting New Bread.

Cutting bread while it is new or fresh is a very wasteful and unpleasant process when done in the usual way, but if a hot knife is used the slices will be more even, and there will be less waste of the crumb.

How to Store Blankets.

Before blankets are put away for the summer, they should be washed, dried, and thoroughly aired. They should then be tied up in sets of four, and pieces of yellow soap scattered between the folds. This will effectually guard against the inroad of moths.

Linoleum Polish.

Linseed oil and vinegar may be made into an excellent polish for linoleum or oilcloths. It should be applied with a piece of flannel, polishing being effected by means of a soft cloth. A mixture of beeswax and turpentine gives a better polish, but it makes the floor very slippery and glassy.

To Test the Heat of an Oven.

Put into the oven a piece of clean white paper: if it at once becomes dark brown the oven is fit for pastry and too hot for cakes. If the paper turns yellow or very pale brown cakes may be put in. If the heat of the oven is inclined to reach too high a temperature and scorch pastry or confectionery, which is in course of baking, a good plan is to place a tin or enamelled saucer on the lowest shelf of the oven and fill it with water.

How to Utilise Sour Milk.

It frequently happens that a certain quantity of milk turns sour and is thrown away as useless, but a delicious bread or scone loaf may be made from milk which has turned. A teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda should be used to a pint of the milk, and as it effervesces mix quickly with flour into a dough, adding a pinch of salt. Place in a tin, and stand in the oven for twenty minutes.

For the Complexion.

The beauties of Denmark have a habit of bleaching the skin. They wash the face in oatmeal water. Instead of plunging the face in a basin of plain, hard, harsh water, they take a big basin of hot water and drop into it a handful of finely ground oatmeal, almost a powder. This they stir until the water is all milky. It is then ready to be used. A Danish girl with a skin like a rose will come in from her skating of an afternoon, prepare her facial bath of oatmeal and hot water and will wash her skin thoroughly with it. She will go over and over her face as carefully as though she were washing lace, and when she has finished there will not be one flaw in her complexion. Sometimes she washes in bran instead of oatmeal.

Maureen

The Archbishop of Melbourne has made the following clerical changes in the Archdiocese:—Rev. A. E. Hennessy from Gisborne to the charge of Lillydale; Rev. P. Boyle from Carlton to Gisborne; and Rev. J. Vaughan from Footscray to Carlton.