

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Mrs. Willie Heaven, of Ashfield, Queen's County, Ireland, and The Old Hall, near Chester, was recently received into the Church.

Miss Florence Lister-Kaye, youngest daughter of Mr. Cecil and Lady Beatrice Lister-Kaye, niece of the Duke of Newcastle, and sister to Lady Oxmantown, has been received into the Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thurman McCormick, daughter of the late Senator Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, and wife of the late R. C. McCormick, former governor of Arizona, has become a convert to the Catholic Church, in New York.

Mrs. C. Templar Davies, mother of Mr. E. Wyatt Davies, the well-known Catholic historian, was received into the Church on Tuesday, November 20, by the Very Rev. Prior O'Gorman, O.S.A., in the Church of the Virgin Mother of Good Counsel, Hythe, Kent.

The Rev. Herbert Leslie Hart, till recently curate of St. Andrew's, Worthing, and formerly chaplain of the Worcester Diocesan House of Mercy, Malvern, was received into the Church at St. Joseph's, Kingswood, Bristol, on December 17, by the Rev. O. R. Vassall-Phillips, of Bishop's Stortford.

The London 'Catholic Times' states that the Rev. A. J. Bratt, who for some time past has occupied the senior curacy at the Anglican Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, has resigned his appointment and joined the Catholic Church. He intends to become a Jesuit.

The Rome correspondent of the 'Glasgow Observer,' writing under date December 8, says: A Jewish gentleman of Modena, Signor Amerigo Namias, with his wife and family, have just been received into the Church. They were baptised in St. Peter's here a few days ago.

At the Church of St. Ignatius, Galway, on November 11, the Rev. Henry Foley, S.J., with the authorisation of the Most Rev. F. J. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh, received into the Church Miss Evelyn V. Ferriss, of London, Miss Ferriss was confirmed on November 13 at St. Patrick's Church by Dr. MacCormack.

The Rev. A. H. Lang, M.A., one of the Six Preachers of Canterbury Cathedral, and for twenty years connected with the Archbishop's mission to the Assyrians, both in Persia, and as organising secretary under three Archbishops of Canterbury, has been received into the Catholic Church at Erdington Abbey by Dom Bede Camm, O.S.B.

The 'Glasgow Observer' announces that the Rev. Henry Grey Graham, formerly Church of Scotland minister of Avonvale, Strathaven, who became a Catholic some years ago, has just been ordained in Rome as a priest of the Catholic Church. Father Graham will probably remain in Rome for some time yet before returning for missionary duty in Glasgow.

Mr. Henri Beaugrand, founder of 'La Patrie,' Montreal, Canada, and who in his day was one of the best known French Canadian journalists and politicians in the Province of Quebec, died at his home at Montreal on October 14, after a long illness, aged 58 years. He was perhaps most widely known as a free-thinker, but before he died he recanted and sent for Archbishop Bruchesi, who administered to him the last rites of the Church.

On the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (says the Madras 'Catholic Register') Rev. Father B. Mascarenhas received into the Church Mr. Thomas William Latimer, who was formerly a member of the Church of England. On the same day Father Mascarenhas baptised Luia Faik Choon, a Chinese lady. Mr. W. J. Fonseca and his two daughters have been received into the Church by the Very Rev. J. N. X. Mesquita, vicar of the Catholic church at Trichinopoly.

Samuel J. Kitson, the sculptor, was buried from Blessed Sacrament Church, New York, on November 26. Mr. Kitson was converted to the Catholic Church in 1887, and since then much of his sculpture was of a religious character. He completed a bust representing Christ and a Blessed Virgin statue for the Richmond Cathedral erected by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Ryan, which was blessed on Thanksgiving Day. His Cardinal Gibbons bust, at the Catholic University, also received favorable comment. Mr. Kitson was born in Huddersfield, England, in 1848.

The 'Catholic Times' of December 28 says: Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, of Chicago, has become a Catholic.

It was learned that just before Justice and Mrs. Keogh, of New York, departed for Europe, Mrs. Keogh became a member of the Church. Her baptism took place in the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Rev. James Campbell, S.J., officiated. Mrs. Keogh before her marriage was Miss Katherine Emmet, daughter of Richard Stockton Emmet, the lawyer. The Emmet family, with a few exceptions, have been Protestants.

The Rev. Richard George Braikenridge Lilly, Master of Arts, of Selwyn College, Cambridge, Licensed Stipendiary Curate of Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, was, says the 'Reading Observer,' received by Father McDonnell, of the Presbytery, Caversham, into the Church on December 13. Mr. Lilly resigned his curacy last October, meaning to go as chaplain and secretary to the Anglican Primate of New Zealand. He has been in ill-health in Devonshire and Cornwall for three months, and has been studying the evidences of the Faith.

Among prominent American converts to the Faith is Judge Walter Acker, of Lampasas, Texas, who was recently received into the Church and baptised. Judge Acker is one of the foremost lawyers of Texas. He served as a judge on the Supreme Bench of the State, and has been Mayor of Lampasas for a number of years. The coming of the Dominican Sisters to Lampasas has done much to disarm prejudice against, and destroy ignorance of, the Church, and the first fruit of this enlarging liberality and knowledge was the conversion of the city's Mayor.

The Benedictine Fathers at Fort Augustus have recently received into the Church two notable converts, Colonel Angus and Dr. Gordon Watson. Colonel Angus is the brother of the Rev. George Angus, M.A., of St. Andrews, himself a convert of many years' standing, one of the fruits of the Oxford Movement, whose reminiscences of that period and its personnel make the most entertaining and informative reading. Dr. Gordon Watson is a South African physician, at present resident in Scotland. His wife is a member of a well known Catholic family in the Highlands, a fact which no doubt smoothed his way into the Church.

The Rev. J. H. Girdlestone, late Vicar of St. Andrew's, Worthing, who has been received into the Church, has (says the 'Catholic Herald') in this respect followed the example of the former curate of Worthing, Rev. H. L. Hart. During Mr. Girdlestone's vicariate a controversy arose regarding Confession before Confirmation, with which the Rev. H. L. Hart was prominently associated, and in connection with which an ecclesiastical commission held a local inquiry. Mr. Girdlestone resigned the living of St. Andrew's in September, 1905, the serious illness of his wife making it necessary for both of them to go abroad. During his connection with Worthing, Mr. Girdlestone was regarded as one of the most powerful preachers of the town.

American exchanges report the reception into the Church of The Rev. Henry C. Granger, for eight years rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Evanston, Illinois. Pressed for an explanation of the step he had taken, Mr. Granger made the following formal statement:—'To whom it may concern,—In making the change from the Protestant Episcopalian to the Catholic Church, I have acted simply in obedience to my convictions, the result of many years of careful study. When I reached the position that I could no longer honorably remain in the Episcopal Church I withdrew. With only the kindest thoughts towards those with whom I have been associated so long, and with faith in God for the future.'

Miss Hersey Wauchope, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Andrew Wauchope, of Niddrie-Marischal, Midlothian, was received into the Church recently, in London. Miss Wauchope is a sister of General Andrew Wauchope, who fell at Magersfontein in December, 1899, and of Lady Ventry, whose death was announced early in December. The Marchioness of Linlithgow and the widowed Marchioness Conyngham are her nieces. Together with Miss Wauchope, the Hon. Mary Thesiger, youngest daughter of the first Lord Chelmsford, and late lady-in-waiting to H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, had also the happiness of being received into the Church. Miss Wauchope and Miss Thesiger have lived together for many years in London, occupying themselves with works of benevolence and charity.