

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

The London 'Tablet' is desired by the Marquis of Queensberry to state he was received into the Catholic Church on April 4.

Father Louis Roussin, of the diocese of Valence, France, who was connected for a time with a schismatic church in Rue Legendre, Paris, has abjured his errors and received permission to celebrate Mass.

Rev. John G. Ewens, recently rector of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Manistec, Michigan, has just been received into the Catholic Church, and is staying with the Paulist Fathers in New York City.

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Wilbur, former Dean of the Chicago Episcopal Cathedral, has entered the Catholic Church. He has been received by the Jesuit Fathers in their novitiate at Florissant, a suburb of St. Louis.

We learn on reliable authority (says the Manchester 'Catholic Leader') that Mr. Roberts, jun., son of the Rev. Canon Dale Roberts, Anglican Vicar of St. Paul's, Lozells, Birmingham, has been received into the Catholic Church. We also learn that Mr. Roberts intends studying for the priesthood.

At the ordination in Rome on Holy Saturday two students from the Scots College were raised to the priesthood—the Revs. A. E. Franklin and J. Donnelly. Father Franklin, who for many years was an Anglican clergyman, belongs to the diocese of Edinburgh, and Father Donnelly to that of Galloway.

Returning as a Catholic priest to Manistec, Mich., where for several years he held the rectorate of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Ernest Willoughby Jewell celebrated his first Mass on March 24. Before he left the Episcopal Church in 1905, Father Jewell, who is a widower with three children, held rectorates at Petoskey, Calumet, and Manistec, being known as an extreme High Churchman.

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Isabella Baker, widow of the Hon. John Baker, of Morialta, and mother of Sir Richard Baker (says the Melbourne 'Advocate'). The deceased lady was in her 90th year, and her death took place on April 6, in London. She was the second daughter of Mr. George Allan, of Allan Vale, Tasmania. She and her daughter (Miss Bessie Anstis Baker) were converts to the Catholic Faith. They have resided in London for some years.

A press despatch from Milwaukee reports the reception into the Church of two widely-known Episcopal clergymen, Rev. Edward Hawkes and Rev. James H. Bourne. They were professors at Nashotah, Wis., the seminary of the Episcopal Church in the West. Professor Hawkes occupied the chair of Greek and history and Professor Bourne that of Latin. They were graduated from Lenoxville College, in Canada. They are men of marked ability, and have already distinguished themselves as instructors in Nashotah Seminary.

Rev. Henry A. Yost, who was at one time minister in charge of St. Timothy's Protestant Episcopal Church, Roxborough, has been received into the Church. The ceremony took place in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Rev. Alvah W. Doran, who before his conversion had been a curate at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, officiated. Mr. Yost was accompanied by his cousin, Mrs. Cora A. Heine, and her nine-year-old daughter, both of whom were also baptized. Mr. Yost declared that his step had been taken after much study and prayer.

Rev. J. B. Haslam, for the past four years one of the Companions of the Holy Saviour, a Protestant Episcopal Order, whose headquarters is at St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, has resigned from the ministry to enter the Catholic Church (says the 'Standard and Times'). He aspires to the priesthood, and hopes to be received into the Paulist community. When asked by a reporter of the daily press why he took such a step, Mr. Haslam said: 'I am going over because of the positive side of the Catholic Church. I believe it to be the Church of God.'

A press despatch from Philadelphia, under date May 12, says:—Dr. William McGarvey, formerly rector of St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Church, and six other clergymen, who recently resigned from the Protestant Episcopal ministry, have presented themselves to Archbishop Ryan for preparation to be received into the priesthood of the Catholic Church.

They are, besides Dr. McGarvey, Maurice L. Cowl, William L. Hayward, William H. McClellan, and Edgar N. Cowan, all Companions of the Saviour, of which Dr. McGarvey was Superior; Charles E. Bowles, formerly of Ravenswood, Ill., and Otto W. Gromold, until recently of Pullman, Ill.

Sir Charles Euan-Smith, who has been received into the Church by Father Thurston, S.J., was formerly Minister-Resident at Bogota, the capital of Colombia, served in the Abyssinian campaign of 1868, and in 1872 was Military Attache to Sir Bartle Frere's special mission to Zanzibar and Consul at Muscat, he went through the Afghan War of 1879-80, and from 1891 till 1893 was Envoy and Minister to the Emperor of Morocco.

It is a remarkable fact (says a writer in the Philadelphia 'Catholic Standard and Times') that nineteen ministers of the Episcopal Church have come into the Catholic Church within the last few months, or are on their way and will be received, it is hoped, before the summer. That this has not made much of a stir in Catholic circles is altogether remarkable. The time was when the conversion of one minister would be heralded by the daily papers as a great news item, but now it is taken as more or less as a matter of course. Yet the fact is undeniably remarkable—nineteen ministers, some of them in early life, others men of maturity, breaking away from the Church of their baptism and the scenes of their chosen ministry, where the pleasantest days of their life have been spent, and for conscience sake submitting to the Church, with all the uncertainties of the future in regard to living and work. One of the greatest convulsions of life is the soul change that is implied by conversion. It is breaking one's life in two. It is a wrenching away from the associations of one's early life, and conscience alone can compel such a change.

Kenyon College was founded near Mt. Vernon, Ohio, at the little town of Gambier, by the Anglican Bishop Chase, whose granddaughter, by the way, Sister Mary Frances de Sales Chase, was a Visitation nun (says the 'Rosary Magazine'). The money was furnished by Lords Kenyon, Gambier, and Boxley. The grandson of the man for whom the college is named, the Hon. John George Kenyon, of Christ Church College, Oxford, formerly a Papal zouave, is a leading convert in England. The American convert sons include Commodore Benjamin Franklin Bache, 1801-1881, for several years professor of natural science at Kenyon; the Verv Rev. Father Fidelis (Dr. James Kent Stone), now Provincial of the Passionists in the Eastern province of the United States, president of Kenyon a short time before his conversion; the Right Rev. Sylvester Horton Rosecrans, D.D., first Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, and his brother, Major-General William Stark Rosecrans, one of the heroes of the Civil War; Henry Livingston Richards, for years an Episcopal minister, father of the distinguished Jesuit, the Rev. Joseph Havens Richards; William Richards, brother of Henry, a well known lawyer in the national capital, author of 'The Road to Rome'; Congressman Frank Hurd, the Hon. Thomas Marshall, Judge of the Circuit Court of Utah, and the Hon. Edward Simeral, of Omaha.

The Premier is not in favor of establishing a gold and silver mint in New Zealand for the reason that the Deputy-Master of the Mint at Perth estimates that if there were a yearly coinage in New Zealand of £2,000,000, according to his experience there would be a revenue of about £10,000 or £11,000 a year, while the working expenses could not, with the greatest care, be reduced below £15,000. The total value of the gold exported from New Zealand for the year 1903 was £2,037,831 (of which £603,187 was exported from the Waihi mine alone). It would not be reasonable to expect, on a liberal estimate, that more than two-thirds of the gold produced would be treated in the Dominion if a mint were established; so that the loss, based on the estimate of the Deputy-Master of the Mint at Perth, would most likely exceed £20,000 a year. This being so, before proceeding to establish a branch of the Royal Mint in this Dominion, the annual output of gold should be considerably increased; otherwise the country would have to face a loss. Sir Joseph Ward undertakes that the matter will not be lost sight of.

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