

the severest measures in an admirably reasoned letter, a copy of which I sent to the *Tablet* about two years ago, in answer to some such remarks as have now appeared. When the Government under Mr. Weld sent an expedition against these fanatics public prayer for its success was ordered by the Catholic Bishop, who had himself been an eminent missionary many years resident among the Maoris. The exertions and good will of the Catholic missionaries were not confined to prayers; they accompanied their flocks (the friendly Natives) to the fight, and were seen in the foremost ranks, administering religious consolation to Native and European alike. At the fight at Moutoa the lay Brother Euloge was killed whilst assisting a dying Maori. The enclosed slip from a New Zealand paper (which I should be obliged by your inserting) will show what a Protestant soldier thought of the conduct of Father Rolland, who was with the colonial forces when they were so disastrously caught in an ambushade. [This refers to Major Von Tempsky's tribute previously embodied in these 'Memoirs.'] At Opotiki, the Protestant missionary, Mr. Volkner, was brutally murdered with attendant circumstances too dreadful and horrible to detail, and Father Grange barely escaped in a most providential manner.

WANGANUI.

An Old-time Pastor.

The following extract with reference to Father Pezant is from an old paper, the *Wanganui Times*, and copied by the *London Tablet* on January 9, 1869:—'Many of our readers will regret to hear that this old and highly esteemed clergyman, after a residence of sixteen years in Wanganui, has received instructions to proceed to Blenheim, and take the spiritual charge of that town and surrounding districts. Men of all denominations in Wanganui will regret this. In all weathers, summer and winter, day and night, Father Pezant appeared to be constantly on foot, silently travelling from house to house on messages of mercy. During the campaigns conducted by Generals Cameron and Chute, he was amongst his flock in the field, and the wounded, sick, and dying had his constant care. Yet, as if ubiquitous, he zealously attended to his large charge at Wanganui. Although our religious opinions run counter to those of Father Pezant, yet, in common with men of all denominations in this community, we admire the integrity, zeal, and self-devotedness of the man. Such men as he will assuredly have their reward. He takes nothing with him, and is £25 in debt for his chapel. Will the people of Wanganui allow him to leave with this debt hanging over him? He has lived poorly, worked hard; to give him money for his own comforts was useless. All he got went to the poor, although very few lived more poorly than himself. Would that there were many more clergymen like him in that and many more respects.'

Father Pezant, generously aided by the Catholics of the district during the time he was in charge of Wanganui, erected a presbytery, a church of which he was justly proud, a house for the use of the Natives when in town, and finally a school. By his devoted, genial disposition, the good Father won for himself the affection of the people of Wanganui, particularly endearing himself to the soldiers engaged on campaign in the vicinity.

(To be continued.)

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Amongst those who have lately been received into the Church in the United States is Mr. George L. Rockwell, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, a nephew of two former Governors of the State.

We (*Catholic Times*) learn that the Rev. A. J. Field, M.A., until recently Anglican vicar of Ravensden, Bedfordshire, was recently received into the Church at the Church of the Holy Child, Bedford, by the Rev. Father Freeland.

Few people are aware that Artemus Ward, the noted humorist, than whom there was no more genial wit in American letters, became a Catholic shortly before his death. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* notes this fact, and accords him a brief but comprehensive biography.

Mrs. Hyde, widow of the late George Merriam Hyde, of New York, and sister of the Rev. David Hillhouse Buel, S.J., took her final vows in the Dominican Convent of Perpetual Adoration in New York recently. Mrs. Hyde is a convert to the Catholic Church, as is her entire family.

Prince Constantine Beloselsky, who has been attached to the Russian Court for 25 years, has become a convert to the Church. He is 65 years old and is married to the daughter of General Skobelev, the hero of the Russo-

Turkish war. His conversion has created an unpleasant impression in Court circles.

Dr. Samuel Joseph Limerick, a prominent physician of Seattle, was received into the Church on November 11 at St. James' Cathedral, by the Rev. W. Quigley, of Hillman.

Mr. Frederick Parrott James, until recently a student at Nashotah House, Wisconsin, who was reported to be under instruction for reception into the Church, has been received.

The *Mexican Herald* records the conversion, which has taken place in Mexico, of six members of the well-known family of Mr. William Vernon Backhus. Amongst those present at the ceremony of reception was Mr. W. H. Sloan, a Protestant missionary in Mexico, who was converted to the Church last year.

Miss Cicely de Hoghton, younger daughter of Sir James de Hoghton, Bart., has been received into the Church in the Notre Dame Convent Chapel, Blackburn, England. The officiating clergyman was the Very Rev. Joseph Browne, S.J., late rector of Stonyhurst, and now rector of St. Francis Xavier College, Liverpool.

The *London Tablet* announces that Lady Muriel Watkins, only daughter of the Earl of Lindsay, has been received into the Church. The Earl of Lindsay is a Scottish Peer. The earldom dates from 1633, but the Lindsays are descended from the ancient line of Wornistone, the first Lord Lindsay of the Byres being created in 1445.

Madame Dolores, writing from London, sends news of the death of Mr. Fernando Vert, who managed her first tours in Australia, and whose brother was one of the most famous of London entrepreneurs for years. Mr. Vert, who died on December 16, became a convert to the Catholic faith. Mr. Vert died in the same nursing home as the late Cardinal Mathieu, in John street, Mayfair. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., who also officiated at the cemetery.

Miss Gertrude de Wolfers, a recent convert, was confirmed privately in New York on the Feast of the Holy Innocents by the Right Rev. Bishop Cusack. Miss de Wolfers, who is a daughter of the late Baron Anthony Francesco de Wolfers, was for several years a Sister in the Protestant Episcopal Order of St. Mary, Peekskill, New York. On January 4, Miss Edith Pardee, formerly known as Mother Edith, and Miss Elsie Montgomery, of the same community, were received as novices in the Catholic Order of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Elizabeth's Convent, Cornwells.

Mr. W. D. Aston, Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge, was on December 9 received into the Church (says the *Tablet*). Mr. Aston is Junior Dean and Director of Legal Studies for his college. He has had a distinguished University career, and won a Whewell Scholarship for International Law. It may be of interest to recall the fact that the Rev. P. G. Provost, M.A., of Westminster Cathedral, who received Mr. Aston, was himself received into the Church when studying law at Downing. Mr. Aston is the first Fellow actually in residence who has become a Catholic.

Magdalen College, Oxford, where Father Harold Castle, C.S.S.R. (who died early in November after some years of laborious work at the monastery of his Order at Perth), took his degree some twenty years ago, has been the *alma mater* during the past two or three generations, of many well-known converts to the Catholic Church (says the *Glasgow Observer*). Among the convert Fellows of that ancient foundation have been Mr. Palmer, Lord Selborne's brother (the 'dear William Palmer' of Newman's *Apologia*); Mr. William Wheeler; and Father Bernard Smith, of Great Marlow, one of the last survivors of the earliest Tractarian converts. Other priests educated at Magdalen have been the late Father Luke Rivington, the eminent controversialist; Father MacCall, now chaplain to the Duke of Norfolk; Father George Tatum, now at Brighton; Father Lassotter, C.S.S.R.; Canon W. Denham, late Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Westminster; and Dom Oswald Hunter Blair, O.S.B. Included among lay converts who graduated at Magdalen have been the late Viscount Encombe, eldest son of the late Earl of Eldon; Mr. W. H. Bliss, sub-librarian of the Bodleian, and sometime tutor to the present King of Italy; and Mr. A. C. Dunlop, late President of the Chamber of Commerce, Southampton.

Miss Ida Hitchcock, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, for ten years principal of the Hitchcock Military Academy of San Rafael, Cal., and an ordained Episcopalian minister, was received into the Church recently at St. Ignatius' Church, San Francisco, Rev. Father Kenner, S.J., officiating. Miss Hitchcock had the full consent of her parents, who, though staunch Episcopalians, wished their daughter to follow the dictates of her conscience.

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