

## RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

Count Lonyay has been received into the Catholic Church at Vienna.

The Rev. W. Duthoit, LL.D., some time Anglican Chaplain at Gotha, was received into the Catholic Church about the end of October by the Rev. Father Bampton, S.J.

Mr. Rowland Hunt, of Boreatton House, Salop, England, was recently received into the Church by Father Cator of the Oratory. Mr. Rowland Hunt is Master of the Shropshire Hounds.

Thirty-seven converts were the result of a week devoted to non-Catholics during the Passionist Missions in Harrisburg, United States.

Miss Adeline Sergeant, the novelist, has, says the *Westminster Gazette*, after prolonged consideration, joined the Catholic Church. Last week she was received by Father Maturin at Farm street, London, and on Friday made her First Communion, the Sacrament being administered by the Cardinal at his private chapel at Westminster. Miss Sergeant was brought up as a Wesleyan.

Miss Lavina Maude Magdalen West, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William West, of Swindon, was received into the Catholic Church on the Feast of All Saints by the Very Rev. Dean Loneragan, at the Church of the Holy Rood, Swindon.

Several persons who were at their devotions in St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., on a recent Sunday afternoon, were much impressed by the devout demeanour of a young Chinaman who was baptised by the Rev. Father Hogan. Hoch Wing, the young neophyte, received a thorough course of instruction in Catholic doctrine, and manifested unusual intelligence. His godfather was Wong Ting, a convert of Father Hughes, who is practising physician in the local Chinese colony.

One of the latest converts to Catholicity in the United States is a Methodist minister who has been an A.P.A. lecturer. He is Thomas A. Cella, of St. Joseph, Michigan. For the last eight years he lectured against the Catholic Church and the priesthood in many leading cities. About eight months ago, while passing through St. Joseph, Mich., to fill engagements in the North-west, he was compelled to stop there one Sunday morning, when he attended services at St. Joseph's Church. After the conclusion of the Rev. James J. Gore's sermon, Mr. Cella called at the priest's residence and said he was conscience-stricken because of having spent so many years attacking the Catholic faith and he wished to be admitted into the Church. After six months, instruction from Father Gore, the lecturer was finally received into the Church. Some weeks ago Mr. Cella, with a class of 40 children, was confirmed by Bishop Foley, of Detroit.

Amongst recent notable accessions to the Church in New South Wales is, we (*Freeman's Journal*) learn on reliable authority, that of Mr. Walton Lookyer Merewether, the well-known barrister, who within the past few weeks was received by the Very Rev. Father Kenny, Provincial of the Jesuit Order. Those intimately acquainted with Mr. Merewether have known for many years that he had that kindly feeling for all things Catholic which usually marks 'the stranger at the door,' and the amiable gentleman's entrance will be welcomed. The son of the distinguished leader of the Parliamentary Bar at a time when such leadership was a coveted honour, Mr. Merewether was a fellow-student at Eton and Oxford of such broadminded men as Lord Rosebery, Lord Jersey, Lord Carrington, and the late Clarke Irving. His career at our Bar has been distinguished. At present he is a Crown Prosecutor for the Metropolitan District, and has acted on several occasions as a District Court Judge and Chairman of Petty Sessions. He is married to a daughter of the late Joseph Leary, Minister for Justice, and in his time one of our finest Catholic laymen.

## A GREAT GERMAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.

AMONG the most interesting reports presented to the great congress of German Catholics, recently held in Neisse, was that of the 'Popular Association for Catholic Germany.' From this we learn that last year that powerful Volksverein mustered no less than 186,000 members, divided as follows among various parts of the empire:—Rheinland, 62,029; Westphalia, 34,208; Hanover, 11,600; province of Saxony, 302; Brandenburg, 1376; West Prussia, 1459; Silesia, 4572; Bavaria, 18,289; Wurtemberg, 22,054; Baden, 10,654; Alsace-Lorraine, 2176.

One of the chief ends of the association is the advancement of social reforms by word and pen as well as by the individual influence of the members. It promotes with a special zeal meetings of artisans and the establishment of Christian clubs for working people.

After several years of activity, the association is able to claim with perfect justice that 'it has at length succeeded in creating among the Catholic population greater interest and understanding of the great political questions.' It will interest the members of our own Catholic Truth Society to learn that the German society has circulated 6,629,000 publications, and that last year, during the elections for the Reichstag, it scattered abroad no less than three million fly-leaves on social questions.

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