

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

The Rev. K. S. Cohen, late curate at Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, London, was received into the Catholic Church on October 7.

Rev. Foster W. Stearns, for the last two years rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Sheffield, Massachusetts, has been received into the Church.

Miss Helen Van Dusen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Van Dusen of New York, was received into the Catholic Church in that city on October 14.

Professor F. E. Triebel, who has recently become a convert, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and also Holy Communion, from the hands of his Eminence Cardinal Bourne recently in Rome.

Mrs. Carr, wife of Mr. C. E. Carr, of 'The Bracken,' Upper Holland road, Sutton, Coldfield, England, has been received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Hugh McCarten. Mrs. Carr was for nearly twenty years a prominent Nonconformist.

Hon. Judge W. R. Black, of the Circuit Court, Barbourville, Kentucky, U.S.A., a non-Catholic, died recently at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville. Before his death, he became a convert, and died an edifying death.

Rev. J. M. Raker, formerly a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was ordained to the priesthood on December 22 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, La Crosse, Wisconsin, United States, by Bishop Schwebach, and celebrated his first High Mass there on Christmas Day.

Mr. A. Hurst, who was Professor of Physics at Oxford, and is now Director of the Helwan Government Observatory, was received into the Church in Cairo on November 5. Mr. Hurst was instructed by Rev. Father Fish, S.J., one of the chaplains to the British Army of Occupation.

The recent admission into the Church of Thos. Willett Carlton Strong and his wife is of interest to the Catholic world. They were baptised at St. Bridget's Church, Pittsburg, their respective godparents (represented by proxy) being Mrs. Bellamy Storer, of Boston, and Rev. Henry R. Sargent. Mr. Strong, who was an Episcopalian, was born at Lockport, N.Y., in the year 1869, and received his education at public and private schools in Buffalo, N.Y., and Ottawa, Canada.

The reception into the Catholic Church has recently taken place of Lady Henrietta Turnor, youngest daughter of the ninth Earl of Galloway, and sister of the present Peer (says the *Edinburgh Catholic Herald*). Lady Henrietta married more than 20 years ago Mr. Algernon Turnor, of Goadby Hall, Melton Mowbray, scion of an ancient Lincolnshire family, and they have a large family of sons and daughters. The present Countess of Galloway, only daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Cliffe, of Bellevue, Co. Wexford, is also a Catholic.

Mrs. Henry W. Taft, wife of the President's brother, has become a convert to the Catholic faith. She was received into the Catholic Church on February 2, in the Students' Chapel connected with the rectory of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, Park avenue, New York. She was received by Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J. Following the example of Mrs. Taft, Mrs. William Post, sister of Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt, has entered the Catholic Church, her conversion being due, as in the case of Mrs. Taft, to Father Bernard Vaughan. Mrs. David King, a prominent leader of society at Newport, Rhode Island, is among recent converts.

In our issue of January 25 we announced the reception into the Catholic Church of the Rev. W. J. Geer, B.A., assistant curate at All Saints' Church, Woollahra, Sydney, and the Rev. A. H. Murphy, acting rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Bathurst South. Another Anglican clergyman in New South Wales—the fourth in twelve months—has become a Catholic. On Sunday, January 28, at the Jesuit House of Retreats for Laymen, "Loyola," Greenwich, the Rev. Haviland Montague Durand was received into the Church by the

Rev. Father R. J. Murphy, S.J. Mr. Durand, who is only a recent arrival in Australia, is an Englishman, and is between 29 and 30 years of age. He was educated at Durham University.

On October 27, 1911, in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Mandalay, was received into the Church by Right Rev. E. Foulquier, Mr. Herbert Lovely Eales, I.C.S., Judicial Commissioner of Upper Burma. The new convert was baptised and confirmed by the Bishop and, on the following Sunday, he received his First Communion. He was accompanied to the Holy Table by his wife, Mrs. Mary Eales, who is also a convert. This lady was admitted into the Church last year, in December, in the Cathedral of Rangoon, after the mission preached by the Rev. Father Peal, S.J., of the Bengal Mission.

Messrs. George Gregory Whitleigh and Nathan Alexander Morgan, former students of Nashotah (P. E.) Seminary, were received into the Catholic Church on December 19, by Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, C.S.P., in St. Mary's Church, Chicago. Rev. Alvah W. Doran, of Philadelphia, himself a convert from the Protestant Episcopal ministry, was their sponsor. Mr. Whitleigh was a member of the Protestant Episcopal congregation of the House of Prayer, Newark, N.J., and Mr. Morgan of the Protestant Episcopal congregation of St. Martin's, Brooklyn. It is probable that both will study for the priesthood.

The fact that the late Kyrle Bellew, the actor, was buried from a Catholic church has attracted some notice and caused some surprise (says the *Sacred Heart Review*). It was not generally known that Mr. Bellew was a Catholic. He was the son of an Anglican clergyman in Calcutta, who became a convert to the Catholic Church when the future actor was a boy; so he and his sister were brought up Catholics. His sister is a nun—Sister Mary Monica, Convent of Poor Clares, London. Mr. Bellew was playing an engagement in Salt Lake City when he contracted pneumonia. When his illness took a serious turn, Father Curran, of St. Mary's Cathedral, visited him frequently and administered the last Sacraments.

The solemn ceremony of clothing with the black veil a novice of the Presentation Convent took place in the Church of the Apostles, Launceston, on Saturday morning, January 27 (says the *Monitor*). The young lady who made her vows was Sister Mary Vincent de Paul, well known in Launceston for many years as Miss F. M. Tate, formerly nurse of the District Nursing Association. Sister Vincent's presence was a welcome one in many a home of the poor in Launceston during her tenure of office as nurse. She was a veritable angel of charity. Kindly, sympathetic, unselfish, she won the hearts of all to whose wants she ministered. And no wonder, for in her ministrations she was most unsparing of herself, and thought only of what might be of service to them. During the years of these services among the poor, she received the grace of Catholic faith, and was received into the Church by his Grace the Archbishop.

The much-evangelised and somewhat riotous town of Motherwell has been thrown into a fresh state of agitation by the conversion to the Church of a lady teacher in one of the public schools—a lady highly gifted, an M.A. of Glasgow University, and very popular with her colleagues (says the *Catholic Times*). In Scotland, side by side with the Voluntary or Church schools, are the public schools under the popularly elected School Boards: undenominational and unsectarian in the eyes of the law, and without religious tests for teachers or children. They are built and maintained out of the rates of Protestants and Catholics alike, the latter of whom are taxed to support them, although of course they are unable to use them, and support schools of their own as well. Religious instruction (Protestant Bible and Presbyterian Catechism), when it is desired by the parents, as it always and everywhere is, must be given entirely outside, either before or after Government school hours, and there is a conscience clause for any parents who object to it. The lady referred to has hitherto been a most successful religious teacher; but