

eulogistic terms to the Canon's work on the Parish Council and School Board. Canon Stuart, who, on rising to return thanks, was hailed with loud and prolonged applause, renewed again and again, made a suitable and eloquent reply.

The Marquis of Bute's Will

A dispute has arisen as to the fulfilment of certain bequests which the late Marquis of Bute left for the Catholic Church in the dioceses of Argyll and the Isles and Galloway. In regard thereto an action has been brought in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, by the trustees of the late Marquis for the interpretation of certain clauses in the will. The Marquis bequeathed to the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles the sum of £10,000, the income of which was to be applied for the upkeep of daily cathedral services at Oban in the church to be built there by his trustees. For the erection of the church he left £20,000, and he bequeathed another £20,000 for a Catholic church or monastery at Whit-horn. The churches were to be free and open, and the whole of the 'Divine Office' was to be said or sung there every day. Difficulties had arisen with regard to the bequests, the trustees stating that they had been unable to obtain any assurance that the directions of the testator with regard to the consecration of the building and the conducting of the services would be given effect to. It also appeared that there were no funds for the maintenance of the buildings, and in these circumstances the trustees were advised that in the meantime they should not proceed with the buildings. They were prepared to hold the sums until the income would form an endowment fund for the maintenance of the fabrics or to submit a modified scheme. The present Marquis held that the two bequests of £20,000 had lapsed, and that the sums should go into residue of the estate. The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles concurred with the trustees, but the Bishop of Galloway claimed to be ranked and preferred to the £20,000, of which £10,000 should be used in erecting a monastery and £10,000 should be conveyed to the new trustees, or otherwise that the bequest should be dealt with under a scheme approved by the court.

UNITED STATES.—Archdiocese of Chicago

Some idea of the manifold duties and responsibilities of Archbishop Quigley are gleaned from Chancellor Barry's annual report of the standing of the archdiocese of Chicago. The statistics show it to be the second largest diocese, in point of population, in the Western Hemisphere, New York ranking first. The Catholic population of the Chicago diocese has increased 200,000 in three years, and now numbers 1,000,000 souls. To accommodate this great cosmopolitan population there are 383 places of worship; these average throughout the diocese three services every Sunday morning.

The Catholic University

The \$50,000 to establish the Knights of Columbus' Chair of Secular History at the Catholic University, Washington, was to be formally presented to the rector, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Connell, on Wednesday last, in the presence of President Roosevelt, a number of prelates of the Church, and members of the order from all parts of the United States.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Mrs. E. T. Marchant, of Tan y bryn, Beaumaris, was received into the Church at the Father Davies' Chapel, Beaumaris, Wales, on Sunday, January 30.

Captain Colin McRae, 'Black Watch,' was received into the Church at Glasgow recently. Captain McRae is a nephew of the Marquis of Bute.

The Rev. George Henry Wharton, M.A., late Vicar of St. John's, Middlesborough, has been received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Sydney Smith, S.J.

Captain P. W. Anderson, Nigeria, was received into the Church recently at Las Palmas by the Bishop of Canary, and made his First Communion in his Lordship's private chapel on the same day.

Mrs. Burney, wife of Major and Brevet Lieut. Colonel Herbert Burney, at present second in command of the Gordon Highlanders, has been received into the Catholic Church by Father Basil Maturin.

The Holy Father on February 17 gave audience to three gentlemen who were recently converted from Protestantism: John Muller, of Unter Kuhn in Switzerland, William Fischer, of Memel in Prussia, and Richard Schellander, of Stuttgart.

Mrs. Bourland, a prominent society leader of Peoria, Illinois, has been received into the Catholic Church. Mrs. Bourland is a member of one of the most aristocratic families of Peoria, and her conversion created something of a sensation, not alone in the city but throughout the State, where she is widely known.

A despatch from Milwaukee, under date January 21, states that in the presence of a congregation that filled Gesu Church, the Rev. Charles H. Schultz, formerly of St. Stephen's Episcopal parish, was baptised and received into the Catholic Church. A large number of those in the church were Mr. Schultz's former parishioners.

January 20 was a day long to be remembered by the old veteran heroes who live at the Michigan Soldiers' Home. On that date Bishop Richter gave first Holy Communion and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to fifteen old veterans who had embraced the faith of the Mother Church.

Impressive ceremonies marked the obsequies of the great Confederate leader, General Longstreet, at Gamesville, Georgia (U.S.A.), on January 6. General Longstreet at the close of the Civil War, in which he was one of the most distinguished of General Lee's lieutenants, became a convert to the Catholic faith. He served as United States Minister to Turkey.

Miss Louise Drew, daughter of John Drew, the actor, was received into the Catholic Church on January 11 by the Rev. Henry E. O'Keefe, C.S.P., at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York. Mrs. Williams, an aged actress, acted as Miss Drew's godmother. Miss Drew's mother was present, and her father telegraphed his approval from Providence, R.I., where he was playing.

Mr. Henry L. Richards, who died recently in Winchester, Mass., in his 90th year, was pastor of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Ohio, for ten years, but in 1852 he became a Catholic. He was followed into the Church by his devoted wife. Their five children are likewise Catholics; and one, the Rev. J. Havens Richards became a Jesuit. Mr. Richards had the great joy of bringing into the Church many sincere and faithful converts.

A message in an American exchange, under date February 17, from St. Elizabeth, New Jersey, states that the Rev. Dr. H. E. Gilchrist, who resigned from the rectorate of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Roselle, some weeks previously, was that morning received into the Catholic Church in St. Michael's Church, Cranford, by Rev. John A. Westman. Baron and Baroness von Odmelle stood as godfather and godmother for Dr. Gilchrist.

Nearly all races were represented at the Sacrament of Confirmation administered to 200 converts at St. Vincent's Church, St. Paul, Minn., recently, by Bishop McGolrick. Chinese, Indians, Africans, and many of the nationalities of Europe were received as members of the Church. Besides the adults of European nationalities there were six Indians, seven Chinese, and four negroes. Two of the Indians were nearly eighty years of age, and one of them was a squaw seventy-three years old.

Last week (says the 'London Universe' of December 26) there were two remarkable conversions in Rome—one a professor of languages, Leonidas Basilides, of Constantinople, a schismatic of the Oriental Greek rite, and the other Signor Alessandro Sterio, a Croatian of the Evangelical Reformed Church. The new converts, who were received into the Church on the 16th and 18th insts. respectively, were afterwards received in audience by the Holy Father, who gave them his benediction.

The 'Liberte' of Fribourg, Switzerland, pays a very touching tribute to Miss Florence Boulton, who died there on January 26. 'She was,' it says, 'well known and deeply loved by the greater number of families in our city.' Miss Boulton, who was born in London on May 14, 1866, was received into the Church by Father Charles Cox on June 10, 1895. At Fribourg she gave lessons in cookery for the Office of Public Instruction. The Bishop, Monsignor Deruaz, visited her in her last illness, and her charitable work gained her troops of friends, who spoke of her as 'our generous Miss Boulton.'

At the ending of the mission for non-Catholics which the Paulist Fathers had been conducting for three weeks at the Paulist Church, New York, Father Conway announced that sixty-four conversions had been made. He said that one of those converted was an actress of considerable prominence. A Presbyterian minister connected with one of the West Side churches was under instruction, Father Conway said, but has not yet decided to enter the Church. One of the converts is a Jew, the first to be baptised by the Paulists in seven years. Of the others, nine came from the Episcopal Church, six from the Lutheran, and two from the Presbyterian.

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