

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

Rev. Lawrence Frederick Harvey, B.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, who was received into the Church at St. Philip Priory, Begbroke, lately gave up the head-mastership of a well-known Protestant school for this purpose.

A special message to the London *Universe*, received from Prague early in February, announces that Colonel Cousin, the Chief of the British Mission in Prague, and his aide-de-camp, Mr. Arthur Dilley, had just been received into the Church.

Rev. Harry Malvin Ovington, until December 28 last curate-in-charge of All Saints', Stechford, Birmingham, England, has been received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Wenceslaus Memnagh, at St. Vincent's Church, Ashted Row, Birmingham.

A great sensation has been caused in Anglican circles in London by a wholesale conversion at a well-known London church, not far from Westminster Cathedral (says an exchange). Two or more of the clergy and several members of the congregation have been received into the Church.

Miss Benson, daughter of a former Archbishop of Canterbury, who visited Dublin shortly before he died, was recently received into the Catholic Church at Seaton, Devonshire, by Rev. P. O'Toole, P.P., St. Mary's, Brewood, Staffs. She is a sister of the late Monsignor R. H. Benson, of Mr. E. F. Benson, the novelist, and of Mr. A. C. Benson, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Mrs. Hewins, wife of Mr. W. A. S. Hewins, late Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, was received into the Church by the Rev. J. Lionel Dove, in the Lady Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, London, on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was confirmed the following morning by his Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster in his private oratory at Archbishop's House.

On a Sunday afternoon a few months ago the Right Rev. Dr. Grey Graham, Edinburgh, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to close on 400 persons in St. Mary's, Star of the Sea. During the course of a practical address to those about to be confirmed, his Lordship made special allusion to the adults who were coming forward to receive the Sacrament. There were over 60 of them—nearly all recent converts to our holy Faith. He congratulated them on having found the way to truth in spite of obvious difficulties.

Among the many converts recently baptised at Washington, U.S.A., was Major William Heimke, U.S.A. (retired). He was born in 1847 and was educated in France and Germany at army schools and at the West Point Military Academy. He graduated from the last named institution in 1875. He served in various capacities in the army from 1862 to 1880. He was appointed in 1887 U.S. Vice-Consul at Chihuahua, Mexico, and was in charge of the Consulate from May, 1887, until his appointment as Consul in 1892. He was Second Secretary of the U.S. Legation at Mexico in 1897, and Charge d'Affaires at various times; Secretary of Legation at Bogota, 1906; Charge d'Affaires, 1906-1907; U.S. Minister to Guatemala, 1908-9, and to Salvador, 1909-1915. In 1915 he retired as Chief of the Division of Latin-American Affairs, Department of State. His wife and family are Catholics.

Most Rev. Austin Dowling, D.D., Archbishop of Saint Paul, U.S.A., confirmed a large class recently in the Church of St. John the Baptist at Darwin, Minn. Among those confirmed was Joseph Plumadore, a convert 92 years of age, probably the oldest Catholic convert in the world. He is the father of nine children, all of whom have been received into the Church. This senior of the convert class has a unique history. He has lived under 19 Presidents of the United States. He was born in Pennsylvania when President Tyler,

the tenth successor of George Washington, died. Incidentally four other converts were received into the Church with Mr. Plumadore, whose combined ages totalled 378 years—a most remarkable incident.

Among the recent converts to the Catholic Church in America are Dr. Carlton J. Hayes, of Columbia University, and Henry J. Ford, of Princeton University. Dr. Hayes has been Professor of History at Columbia for many years. He is the author of *British Social Politics*, *The History of Modern Europe*, and other historical works. Dr. Hayes has begun his active Catholic life by becoming secretary of the newly-founded Catholic Historical Society. Professor Henry J. Ford was received into the Church by the Jesuit Fathers of New York. He is a former newspaper man, having been engaged on many of the leading metropolitan newspapers. From 1906-1907 Mr. Ford was lecturer on Political Science in John Hopkins University, and since 1918 has been Professor of Political Science and Government in Princeton University. Professor Ford is the author of *The Rise and Growth of American Politics* (1898); *The Cost of Our National Government* (1909); *The Scotch-Irish in America* (1905); *The Natural History of the State*, and *The Cleveland Era*.

THE LATE MGR. O'RIORDAN.

One of the finest tributes paid to the late Mgr. O'Riordan—who was, by the way, a relative of the Rev. Father T. W. O'Collins, of Melbourne—came from Mgr. Charles Salotti, a prelate well known to Australian students in Rome for his brilliant eloquence and his gracious personality (says the Melbourne *Advocate*). He concluded a stirring panegyric of the Irish Rector by a slight adaptation of Pere Lacordaire's pronouncement over the tomb of Montalembert: "Before leaving the presence of this catafalque, I feel I must pause beside it a little longer, and as I pause I seem to hear the voice of the venerated Rector, '*Cecidi, sed resurgam*'—'I have fallen, but I shall rise again on that day on which you, my dear students, shall have become the apostles and champions of the faith and the rights of your country. I have fallen, but I shall rise again on that day when the Pontiff of Christendom shall place on the heads of our national heroes the aureola due to such glorious champions of the faith. I have fallen, but I shall rise again on that day on which Ireland, my country, shall have burst every bond of slavery and oppression and shall at last salute the sunrise of that liberty which for centuries the clouds of foreign rule have hidden from us. I have fallen, but I shall rise again on that day on which the peoples of the world, gathered closely round the Papacy, shall seek from it, and from it alone, the light of truth, and the word which shall repair all human injustices.' With my best wishes and most fervent prayers," concluded the orator, "I too, look forward to the near approach of this resurrection."

FROM THE HILLS.

To-day the hills seemed strangely still, all day
The pines on Cruagh slept: but, evening falling,
A little timid wind crept from the grey
Above Glenree, and calling, calling,
Across old sheep-tracks in the untrodden heights,
Dropt through a deepening-colored dusk at last,
Purple to green, down darkling roads to lights
Set in white cottage window-sills, and passed.

Wind from the hills! it's little peace you bring
Out of that quiet distance: memories
Wakened in far-off woods at evening,
Where, strewn by older autumns, 'neath still trees,
The very leaves were all lost days, it seemed,
Brushing about the head of one who dreamed!

W. M. GIBBON, in *Studies*.

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