

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

The Rev. J. S. Robson, curate of St. Barnabas', Linthorpe, Middlesborough, England, was received into the Catholic Church on Friday, January 21, by Monsignor Barton Brown. In 1915, Mr. Robson graduated at Durham University, and was ordained deacon of the Church of England in the same year.

Rev. John S. Twigge, formerly Rector of Ormside, Westmoreland, England, and mission preacher in the diocese of Oxford, was recently received into the Church at Farnborough Abbey by Dom Benedict Stenart, O.S.B.

The Rev. Roland Tudor, chaplain to the nuns of the Episcopal Convent, Dundee, Scotland, has made his submission to the Church. He was received at the Benedictine Abbey at Fort Augustus. He is a graduate of Durham University, and prior to going to Dundee, labored in missionary work in the Western Highlands of Scotland.

The grandson of the late head of the Swedenborgian Church in Mauritius, Mr. De Chazal, formerly a lieutenant in the French Navy, was recently received into the Church with his family of eight children at Durban, South Africa.

Sixty converts to the Church were among the class of 80 confirmed in Washington, D.C., by Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate, on February 4. The Sacrament was administered in St. Patrick's Church, of which the Right Rev. Mgr. C. F. Thomas is pastor. This is the largest number of converts received into the fold at St. Patrick's for several years.

At St. George's, Taunton, England, recently, the Bishop of Clifton administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 36 candidates, most of whom had been members of St. John's Anglican Church, the Vicar of which—Rev. R. Wynter—was deprived of the living last year because of his refusal to abandon the use of the service of Benediction. It was announced recently at St. George's that 32 persons had recently been received into the Church. This number did not include Mr. Wynter and three others, who were received elsewhere.

In addressing the candidates at the service, his Lordship said he thanked God from his heart that He had been pleased to call them to the fulness of that Faith to part of which they had clung with such devotion, although outside the True Fold. In this, he said, they had followed their spiritual leader, who, with his wife, had sacrificed almost everything in order to follow the dictates of conscience. He asked who would say a word against them, and who would cast reflections upon a man who followed his conscience in a matter of religion.

"I do not suppose, dear children," the preacher said, "that you encounter much difficulty in this town from the fact that you have changed your religion, or rather, of your having come back to the Mother Church of this land. The days of persecution are past. To-day there is sufficient enlightenment and good feeling to guarantee you from anything like persecution.

"Be not afraid. Even if you should have to suffer, blessed are you. It is an office of God's Holy Spirit to inspire us with help and strength to profess our Faith before the world. If you have to suffer from the fact of having become Catholics, suffer it with thankful hearts.

"And above all, don't be unkind. Don't say an unkind or uncharitable word about those whose religious society you have left. Show them that you esteem them as greatly as you did before, and that your only wish for them is the same grace that God, in His mercy, has given you."

Later, speaking a few words before returning to the altar, after the recital of the Apostles' Creed, the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary," the Bishop referred to the love of Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar, and their fervent desire to worship Him in His sacred institution, as having brought these favored souls into the Catholic Church.

ASHBURTON CATHOLIC CLUB.

The ordinary weekly meeting of the above club, held on Wednesday evening, April 6, in the club rooms, Havelock Street, was largely attended (writes a correspondent). The president (Mr. H. Lennon) presided. The programme, which proved very entertaining, consisted of a "mock court," and afforded quite a large number of members an opportunity to show their qualifications in the numerous capacities common to this everyday function.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

April 4.

The annual social was held on Easter Monday, and proved a great success. The secretarial duties were capably carried out by Mr. C. Bergamude. The proceeds will considerably augment the funds of St. Mary's School.

Father Brady leaves at an early date for Remuera, to enter upon duties in that parish. Father Murphy, the newly-appointed assistant to Rev. Father Lane, is expected to arrive soon from Auckland.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Liston, Coadjutor-Bishop of Auckland, is expected to make an episcopal visitation at Gisborne early in May, when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of candidates.

Mr. Charles Wood, widely known in musical circles has been appointed choirmaster at St. Mary's Church.

Taumarunui

(From our own correspondent.)

April 7.

The services of Holy Week were well attended. Mass on Holy Thursday was celebrated at nine o'clock, a large number of the congregation approaching the Holy Table. At the conclusion of Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, which had been very tastefully decorated by the Sisters. The evening devotions consisted of Rosary, sermon, and Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart.

The ceremonies on Good Friday were Mass of the Presanctified and veneration of the Cross at nine o'clock, Stations of the Cross for the children in the afternoon at three, and in the evening at seven Stations of the Cross again, followed by an appropriate sermon.

On Easter Sunday a Missa Cantata was celebrated in Taumarunui by Rev. Father Duffy at 11 o'clock. The choir, under Mr. McKenzie, deserve to be complimented on its excellent rendering of the "Mass of the Good Shepherd," also for its rendering of the Easter hymns and the Benediction music at the evening devotion.

FATHER GALERNE, S.M., HONORED.

Prior to his leaving the Fairlie parish to enter upon duty at Temuka, Rev. Father Galerne, S.M., was met by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Albury, who tendered an affectionate farewell (writes a correspondent). At a gathering in the church grounds, Mr. Victor Sullivan, on behalf of the parishioners, voiced the sentiments of gratitude and affection felt by them towards the departing priest, and eulogised his self-sacrificing labors and devotion to duty during his administration of the parish. Mr. D. Angland paid an eloquent tribute to Father Galerne for the splendid work he had done in their spiritual interests, and referred to the regret of the people at his departure. As an evidence of the gratitude of the Catholic residents of Albury and Cave to so worthy a pastor, Mr. Angland asked Father Galerne's acceptance of a well-filled wallet. Father Galerne feelingly thanked the people of Albury for the very kindly sentiments expressed towards him, and for their generous gift. In return he assured them of constant remembrance in his prayers and in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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