

## RECENT CONVERTS.

Garrison, N. Y., Sunday.—Another member of the Society of the Atonement, until yesterday an Anglican Franciscan monastic institution, was formally received into the Roman Catholic Church today. The ceremony took place in St. Francis Chapel on the grounds of the society situated about four miles from here in the mountain. The ceremony was a duplicate in ritual of that of yesterday when seventeen members of the protestant organization were received instant organization were received into the church of Rome.

The new convert is a woman of Peckskill, who has long been active in the work of the society as a member of the tertiaries, the Third Order of the Franciscan institution.

Publication in this morning's New York Herald Herald of the acceptance of the Society of the Atonement into the Catholic Church under an unprecedented privilege from Pope Pius X., where it retains its own aims and methods with the Catholic Church, attracted more than the customary number of visitors to the monastery and chapel today. Many persons who live in Putnam county made calls of a congratulatory nature.

Except that the high church service of the Anglican denomination was supplanted by the ritual of the Catholic Church Mass, there was no change to be observed in the routine of the monks and nuns today. At the same hour as they had rung during the nine years since the founding of the society by the Rev. Paul Francis, the present head of the institution, the bells tinkled their tuneful orders.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Joseph H. Conroy, vicar general of the diocese of Ogdensburg, officiated at the two Masses this morning and at the service when the Peckskill woman made her profession of faith. The Rev. Paschal Robinson, of Washington, D. C., who assisted in the ceremony yesterday, remained at the monastery today.

The scenic grandeur and picturesque of the grounds of the Society of the Atonement and the neighboring country and mountains are declared by many who have visited Father Paul to surpass the beauties of not a few monasteries in Europe famed for centuries. When in 1890 the founder of the order was released from from his rectorship of the Anglican Church of St. John, in Kingston, N. Y., and he, with a few zealous workers, took possession of their present location it was a wilderness. Although only twenty-four acres are included in the monastic lands, the monks and their live stock have the freedom of the region for miles around.

## GETTING AWAY FROM LIFE'S DUTIES.

"We are the contemporaries of the disappearance of the home," remarks The Providence Visitor. "Before the home, as a general institution, disappeared, the reason for the home had ceased to exist. Families which by their own doing and act, had become sterile, the natural emotions which focus round the home found no place. We are suffering for the multiplication of such families to an enormous degree. The 'light-house-keeping' among the poor are the dwellers in hotels and apartment-houses among the rich. Both in their way are endeavoring to get away from the obligations of life, which it is the business of religion to teach us to bear. When children become wage-earners, they are usually emancipated from their parents. The mother becomes the keeper of a boarding-house, the girls dislike domestic care, the boys are free so long as they are not on their board, and even when they don't. We are witnessing the rapid disappearance of this condition, experiencing its baneful results."

## THE EASTERN LINE.

The Eastern Line is determined that the fall service will be an excellent one, with very low rates. Commencing Monday last the three trips per week service commenced with the steamers Calvin Austin and Governor Cobb. These steamers will sail from St. John on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at eight o'clock for Lubec, Portland and Boston. The rates are very low, \$3.50 to Boston and \$3.00 to Portland, with staterooms at \$1.00.

## COMING OF THE FRENCH.

The opening lecture of the course on Episodes in the History of New France, under the auspices of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society, given Thursday afternoon by Rev. R. Scovill, whose subject was "The Coming of the French." She took her listeners back

to the founding of Acadia and referred to voyages of Cartier and Champlain, and gave a graphic account of different expeditions and discoveries and hardships endured.

The president announced that the tableaux, typical of each lecture, will be given one afternoon, after the completion of the course. Only those holding tickets will be admitted.—Globe, Oct. 29.

## DIOCESE OF PORTLAND, ME.

The Rt. Rev. Louis S. Walsh, D. D., Bishop of Portland, Me., sailed from New York for Rome on Wednesday, Oct. 26th. He is making his canonical visit to the Holy See. His Lordship is accompanied by Rev. John O'Dowd, of Portland, and Rev. Peter Bradley, of Lisbon.

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. McDonough, V. G., becomes administrator during the absence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

## A USE FOR OLD PHOTOS.

Most homes have many old photographs too precious to be thrown away, yet of little interest to those outside the immediate family. To save space they are often packed away in boxes; so, often when we would gladly spend a little time looking over the familiar scenes and faces, it seems too much trouble to get them out. Here is a simple solution of the problem. Put the photographs in clean, hot water; in a short time the pictures can be easily removed from the cards. When dry, either trim down, to economize space or cut away the background entirely. This last, of course, requires great care. Mount them in a scrap-book, or, better still, a book made especially for Kodak pictures.

## A SPECIES OF CATHOLIC MORALITY.

Gilbert K. Chesterton, the noted writer of London, England, whose book "Orthodoxy," has created a sensation, is a convert to the Church. In a recent confession of faith he gives the following reasons for entering the Church: That the Catholic creed is committed to the three great rational and eternal roots of altruistic energy; and that none of the other creeds now disputing its throne are committed to them, while most are committed against them. The three eternal roots of altruistic energy are these: First, the principle of justice; that there is a moral law before which all men are equal, so that I ought to help my neighbor to his rights. Second, the principle of charity; that I owe infinite tenderness to any shape or kind of man, however unworthy or useless to the State. Third, the principle of free will; that I can really do to help my neighbor and am truly disgraced if I do not do so. To this may be added the idea of a definite judgment; that is, that the action will at some time terribly matter to the helper and the helped. The Church does not assert that she has got better people than are to be found elsewhere, but that such as they are, she has got them. I do not say that free-thinkers are bound to be scoundrels; I say they are not bound to be anything. I do not say that the Catholic lamb of mercy is more white or woolly or energetic than many evolutionist lambs. I say it is in the ark. And I say that the evolutionist lambs are being drowned visibly before my eyes."

## SEEKING INFORMATION.

We take the following paragraph from our esteemed contemporary, The Catholic Sun, of Syracuse, N. Y.:

What's the matter with the women, anyway? Now comes the chief justice of Victoria, Australia, accusing the frail sisters of his land with lack of self respect and the Sydney "Press" backs up the justice with the statement that the declining birthrate and its causes, the alarming increase of child-mothers and illegitimate children, the presence of mere girls on the street at night have been discussed in parliament, in the pulpit and in the press for many years past. The condition is to be deplored. There was a time when it did not exist to such an alarming extent. That was when the home stood for more than it does today; when girls did not feel that they must get into an office or into some other employment outside of the house before it was time for them to leave school; when housework was honorable and fads were not the rage.

Many a young man in search of a wife has passed right through a peach orchard and pitched his tent in a lemon grove.

## BISHOP CAMERON IS HOME FROM PLENARY COUNCIL.

Welcomed Back by Priests and People.

We take the following paragraph from The Casket, Antigonish, N.S.:

His Lordship Bishop Cameron arrived home from Quebec last Thursday, after an absence of five weeks. His hearing, which of late has become somewhat impaired, rendered it difficult for him to follow the proceedings at the Plenary Council, and so he decided to retire from it, and leave Very Rev. Dr. Thompson to represent him there. His Lordship is however, in his usual health. On his arrival at Antigonish, accompanied by the Rector of the College, he was tendered a hearty welcome by the citizens. A large number of them with the students and professors of the College and the Town Council, had gathered at the station to await his arrival, when the venerable prelate was accorded a cordial welcome home. Headed by Highland pipers, whose martial music aided the order of march, and guided by mounted and foot marshals, the gathering formed in rank just ahead of His Lordship's carriage and escorted him through the town to his residence on the hill, where ranks were opened and the carriages were allowed to pass through the double line. The town was dressed in holiday attire, strings of bunting were suspended at intervals over the line of march, while numerous houses were bedecked with Papal, Canadian and other flags. At the Main Street school and at Mt. St. Bernard Convent the children were lined up and made a very pretty showing with their bannerets. The joyous peeling of the many bells of the town during the time of the parade kept in mind the welcome that was being extended to His Lordship.

## NOT AGAINST HIS WILL.

Some years ago there lived in Perth, Scotland, a not very sober man, known as Jamie. One night an acquaintance found Jamie lying at the foot of his stairs.

"Is that you, Jamie?" asked the caller.

"Ay, it's me," replied Jamie, in a tone of resignation.

"Have you fa'en doon the stairs?"

was the next question.

"Ay, well doon, but I was comin' doon, whether or no!"

## THE NECESSARY DEVOTION.

We have a new devotion called "The Twelve Saturdays," and it is instituted to honor the Immaculate Mother of God on the twelve Saturdays before the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We like this devotion, as we like all authorized devotions; but we have a process of beatification ready for the priest or Bishop who can successfully launch upon the Catholic world the devotion of the fifty-two Sundays.—"Western Watchman."

## ONE WAY OF ROUTING A BORE.

Martin Beck, the well-known vaudeville impresario, was talking in the smoke-room of the Mauretania about bores.

"Dash, the steel man," said Mr. Beck, "has a short way with bores. One tacked him last month on the piazza of an Atlantic City hotel—talked straight ahead to him for thirty minutes about grand opera."

"Dash, the instant there came a pause, said earnestly:

"I tell you sir, there's no lobsters like Maine lobsters."

"The bore started.

"No doubt," he said, "no doubt. But what has that got to do with what I was talking about?"

"Dash heaved a yawn.

"By the way," he said, "what were you talking about?"—Washington Star.

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