

CONVERTS IN ENGLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH RECEIVED MANY CONVERTS—NOTABLE PEOPLE AMONG THEM

Every month sees a number of distinguished converts to the Church at home and abroad. There has been an unusually large number this spring prominent among them, according to St. Peter's Net, being the following:

Thomas Henry Bolton, taxing master in Chancery and master of the supreme court of London, England; on two occasions member of Parliament for North Lancashire. (His name appears in the English Secular "Who's Who.")

Miss Mellops Morris, miniature painter and black-and-white artist. N. B. Sibley, Winchester College, B. A., Trinity Hall, Cambridge; barrister-at-law and author; son of T. H. Sibley, of the Bengal Staff Corps.

Mrs. Ada Hunt-Grubbe, wife of Capt. Henry G. Hunt-Grubbe, R. A. J. P., Devizes, Wilts, and sister-in-law of Admiral Sir Walter Hunt-Grubbe, R. N., Arthur Bloch Smith, Esq., Cotehill, County Bangor, Ireland, a lawyer prominent in Orange and Masonic circles.

John Wrightson, B. A., Trinity College, Dublin, candidate for the priesthood in the Protestant church in Ireland.

William P. Addleshaw, B. A., Christ Church, Oxford.

G. Thaine, B.A., B. A., New College, Oxford.

Philip King, B. A., St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

Rev. David Rhys-Morgan, B. A., Oxford, a Welsh canon, late minister of the Protestant church of Ireland at Crom, County Fermanagh, Ireland; for 22 years chaplain to the bigoted Earl of Erne grandmaster in the Orangemen; now studying in Rome for the priesthood.

Henry Tweed, barrister-at-law, Billerica, Essex, and Mrs. Tweed.

Miss Rachel Egan, painter, London.

Mrs. Robert Gardner, of Cadogan Square, London W.

Llewellyn Green-Price, son of Sir Richard Green-Price, baronet.

Miss Georgina Hersell, daughter of Mr. Louis Hersell, librarian of the foreign office, London.

Mrs. Emily McDonnell, wife of Dr. Robert McDonnell, of Dublin, daughter of the Rev. George Barton, rector of Rathoole, Ireland.

Mrs. Pearl, wife of Dr. Pearl, of London; daughter of the Rev. George Barton, rector of Rathoole, Ireland.

Mrs. Fanny Pigott, wife of Colonel Charles Berkeley Pigott, C. B.

Francis Vaughan Radford, B. A., Magdalen College, Oxford.

P. R. Richardson of Hove, Brighton; J. P. for Essex.

Captain Archibald Stirling-Maxwell, of the Scots Guards; second son of Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, baronet, by a daughter of the Earl of Leven and Melville.

R. P. Thomas, F. R. G. S., F. Z. S., K. H. S., son of the late Rev. A. R. G. Thomas, vicar of St. Paul's Camden square, London.

Miss Mary Alice Vialis, poet and journalist, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Vialis, professor of mathematics at Merchant Tailor's school, London.

Rev. G. Maude, B. A., Oxford, curate of an Anglican church in Bournemouth, England.

Dr. Huntington Richards, of St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., relative of the late Bishop Huntington, of the Episcopal Church and Father Huntington, founder of the Anglican Fathers of the Holy Cross.

The late Mr. Samuel S. Dickinson, the distinguished cable expert, vice president of the Commercial Cable Company, New Orleans, La.

Miss Mary Tilton, a teacher in the Comenian school, Omaha; her brother and sister.

Mrs. Bartlett, wife of the late Hon. Judge Bartlett, New York; received at Rome.

Dr. Marcus Lindsay King, a prominent dentist of Omaha and South Omaha.

Miss Mabel Manning, a well-known singer and actress in Omaha; an Episcopalian.

Dr. Amieux, head medical inspector of the Monier chocolate factories, France.

Mrs. Thaine, Dublin, Ireland; daughter of the Rev. Dr. Drummond, Protestant clergyman and author; well-known Celtic scholar and a translator into English of the great Irish epic, "The Tain," member of the senate of Queen's University, Belfast, etc.

Henry Shaw, late candidate for the Anglican ministry, General Theological seminary, Chelsea Square, New York, who has entered St. Joseph's seminary, Danvers, to study for the priesthood.

Alto Mary, wife of Major General F. A. H. Alderson, C. B., commanding the Sixth Poona Division, India, by the Bishop of Poona in the chapel of the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Poona.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

We dedicate the month of July to the honor and veneration of the Most Precious Blood of our Divine Redeemer, Jesus Christ, so profusely shed for our redemption. In His agony in Gethsemane; in the cruel scourging and the crowning with sharp thorns; in the long and hard way that He went, bearing His heavy cross; in the nailing to that cross; in the piercing of His Sacred Heart with the soldier's spear, we find the occasion for our reverent gratitude and love. "But now in Christ Jesus, you, who some time were afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace," writes St. Paul. "You were not redeemed with corruptible things as gold and silver, from your vain conversations of the tradition of your fathers; but with the precious

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blood of Christ," writes St. Peter. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin," writes St. John. And again, St. John writes of Jesus Christ "Who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

We honor and revere our soldiers who shed their blood in defense of their native land. What surpassing honor and love is due to our most merciful Redeemer, who gave His life-blood to ransom a fallen and rebellious race? Round the eternal throne the saints exclaim:

The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and benediction. Because Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, in Thy blood, out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.—Sacred Heart Review.

A QUEER ONE

Another curious being is at present calling on the people of Toronto for their attention to his message. He is a Baptist preacher from England, and is so thoroughly charged with modesty that he wishes to be thought of and spoken of as a layman. He tells the people of Toronto that he has been the magistrate of England no less than twenty-eight times, that he has compelled the magistrates to listen to him, and that he has, according to his own report of matters, often put the simple-minded magistrates badly out of countenance. It is possible, though, that he evened up with him by recording conviction, though on this head he is modestly reticent. He deduced the laws of England in the interests of "The Free Church," and as soon as he saw an opening, he hurried over to the Atlantic to Toronto, to get the approval of the Toronto ministers, and incidentally to warn them against the future perils of clericalism and "Romanism." What sort of life has he lived? Has he not seen in newspapers how valiantly the Toronto ministers have lately been fighting for the absolute defence of everybody to the law of the land? How, then, can he, an avowed law-breaker, reasonably expect sympathy from them? In their hearts they must denounce him, although for the sake of courtesy perhaps or for some other reason they may make his sojourn in the city as agreeable for him as they can. But they can never excuse him for presuming to give them warning about the dangers of "Romanism." This is their own sub ject. It is the subject that has sorely exercised them for years and years; and it must cut them to the quick to be told by a Baptist "layman" that the aim of "Romanism" is to secure the same kind of control over the minds and actions of its adherents." Just as though the Toronto ministers did not know this elementary fact! How can the ministers overlook this?

He intimates, too, that the people of England are so steeped in stupidity and so little apprehensive of future trouble "that the famous edict has received little attention in England." This is a sad sign of the sluggish indifference which the English people have gradually fallen. Some of the Toronto ministers should embark for Liverpool at once, and tell the people of the British Isles, that if they wish to keep their fancies together, they must shake off their lethargy and exert themselves to crush that abominable Edict.

This Baptist "layman" repudiates clerical attire, and even condemns a hat that is distastefully clerical, but he very unaccountably allows D. D. to be attached to his name. There are old men in this world.

J. P. T.

ACTS OF THE HOLY SEE

SACRED ROMAN ROTA

VERCELLEN—NULLITY OF MARRIAGE (ARDIZZONE-BALBIS)

The following Marriage case was recently tried by the Auditors Mgr. Many (Potent), Heiner and Prior. It is somewhat summarized here from *l'Apollon* de Solis, but nothing substantial is omitted.

In 1894 Giovanni Ardizzone and Immacolata Balbis were married at Vercelli; shortly after the ceremony the bride left her husband more than once, and latter then went away to do his year of military service, at the end of which the pair began to live together again, but only for three or four weeks when an actual separation took place between them. After a number of years Giovanni was told by his brother Eusebio, a priest, that the marriage was null, and on July 19, 1907, a process was instituted in the Archdiocese curia of Vercelli to prove the nullity of the plea that Giovanni Ardizzone had gone through the ceremony constrained thereto by fear and violence. The sentence was given against him and he appealed to the Rota, which was asked to pronounce on the question:

Is the nullity of this marriage proven?

The law on the case—The Auditors quote from Canon *lucum 14* *de sponsalibus* and Canon *lucum 15* *de consensu* and *lucum 16* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 17* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 18* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 19* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 20* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 21* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 22* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 23* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 24* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 25* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 26* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 27* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 28* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 29* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 30* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 31* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 32* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 33* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 34* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 35* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 36* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 37* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 38* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 39* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 40* *de iurisdictione* and *lucum 41* *de iurisdictione* and 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