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succession to Canon O'Dwyer, he was installed one of the Plymouth

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SCOTLAND A SCOTCH CONVERT'S "PLAIN REASONS."

Mr. John M. M. Charleson, late minister of Thronliebank Parish Church, Scotland, whose conversion to Catholicity was recently an-mounced, has published his reasons for joining the Catholic Church. He says that some years ago he began to make a critical study of the Synoptic Gospels, in order, by ap-plying the strictest tests, to dis-cover from these authentic records what was the real teaching of Christ. To do this effectively he resolved to enter upon the work as if he had previously known nothing of Christianity, and to use the sayings and actions of our Lord in their ascertainable historical setting, and in the plain and direct grammatical meaning of the words and especially to omit nothing, however tempted he might be to do so. For (he proceeds) it was evident to me that many commenta-tors either explained away diagreeable passages or perverted their meaning so as to bring them into greater harmony with their general system of belief. This danger I was most anxious to avoid; and I seem justified in saying that so. As the work progressed, and especially when it was finished,
I WAS CONSIDERABLY AMAZED AND DISQUIETED.

For in these first three Gospels I found neveral things which were not according to our Scottish Protestantism. In order not to bedieve or act harshly, I determined to approach the problem from to approach the problem from other points of view, such as the liturgical, the historical, the dogmatic, and especially the patristic. This last appeared to me to be the most important. For evidently the early Fathers, who were instructed in the truths of the Gospel by the Apostles and their immediate successors, would in their writings reveal how the glorious martyr Church of the first centuries believ-ed and worshipped. Hence I made a careful study — whish lasted for several years — of the actual writ-ings of the early Fathers of the Church, and for the time being church, and for the time being heeded not other men's dissertations and explanations regarding these accient writings. I read the writings themselves. I listened to the very voices that still reach us through the printed page, from the Church of the first days up to the treat Council of Nicare is acc. great Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. After detailing the passages which specially influenced him, Mr. Char-leson states that from believing these he considered it to be his duty to impress them on the minds of men by all means in his nower. Though many of these ordinances and truths were neglected or denied, or

LOOKED ON WITH SUSPICION IN THE CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND,

he "considered it his duty all the more to teach and practise them, so that the pure, and Scriptural, and ancient faith, in all its spiritucallty, and beauty and comfort might be restored to his people, and through them the good seed carried to others." In short, after much study of the Fathers of the early Church, he arrived at the conviction that the simple and nataral meaning of the words addressed by our Lord to St. Peter:
"Thou art Peter, and on this rock"
I will build My Church," was the right meaning; that it was the Papacy, nothing less nor more; and that his position as a minister. that his position as a minister of Church of Scotland was unten-

ENGLAND CLIFTON.

unexpected was the the Bishop of Clifton's news of news of the Bishop of Cintons death, which took place at Bristol, England. Since the beginning of the year Dr. Brownlow has suffered from weakness of the heart. But such was his interest in the educasuch was his interest in the cauca-tion question that, though really very ill, he attended the meeting of the Bishops at Archbishop's House, Westminster, and when, two hours before his death, he commissioned Mgr. Provost Rus-sell to write his Advent Pastoral. He asked him to make that the theme. During the Bishop's visit to London he contracted a severe cold, and from the time of his return he steadily grew worse till return he steadily grew worse till-Saturday afternoon, when he pass-ed away. The son of the Rey. Wil-liam Brownlow, M. A., rector of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and of Fran-ces, daughter of Mr. Robert James Chambers, William Robert Brown-low was horn at that rectory on the 4th July, 1830. He was educat-ed at Rugby School and at Trini-ty College, and took his B. A. deed at kugpy School and at Trini-ty College, and took his B. A. de-gree with mathematical honors (9th Senior Optime) in January, 1852, and his M. A. degree in 1855. For ten years he was a clergyman of the Church of England, holding appointments in Staffordshire,

connection with the Church of England, and in 1863 was received into the Catholic Church at Birmingham by the late Cardinal Newman and was Confirmed by Archbishop Ullathorne some days after. In his work "The Early History of the Church of God," which has just been published by the Catholic Truth Society, he gives the following interesting account of his conversion." version: "More than forty years ago I happened to have some cor respondence and conversation with a member of the Plymouth Brethren persuasion on the constition of the Christian Church. We agreed to read the New Testament together, alternately at each other's houses. We began to read the Acts of the Apost'es. When we came to the 15th verse of the first chapter: In those days Peter rising up in the midst of the brethren, etc., my friend paused and said: You see the spirit of Popery showed itself in the Church at a very early per-iod.' His remark made a deep impression upon me, and made me re-solve to study carciully the early records of the Church in order to discover whether what I then un-derstood by 'Popery' was or was not an essential part of Christiani-ty." This was evidently the first sten in historical investigations ty." This was evidently the first step in historical investigations which led him to the Catholic Church, for in "Roads to Rome," giving an account of his conversion, which formed the subject of a pamphlet, "How and Why I became a Catholic," which he published in 1864, he says: "It was history that more than anything else tory that more than anything else brought me into the Church." For his theological studies he proceeded in April, 1864, to the College Plo, Rome, where he received Ton-sure and Minor Orders in December sure and Minor Orders in December following from Monsignor Castelacci, obtaining his "exeat" from the diocese o' Shrewsbury, 3rd February, 1865, to enter the diocese of Plymouth. Monsignor Brownlow was ordained Sub-Deacon in April by the same Prelate. Cardinal Patrizzi, Vicar-General of Rome, raised him to the December. raised him to the Deaconate in 1865 and to the priesthood on the 22nd December, 1866. Returning to England, he assisted at the throne in Plymouth Cathedral on Palm Sunday, 1867. On the 1st June he received faculties for the mission at the Cathedral, but was appointed to St. Mary Church, Torquay, where he arrived on the 10th July, and became chaplain to the Dominican Nuns on 6th September, 1867. His name will be long remembered in connection with his literary en-deavors to bring before the British thlic the lessons so long secreted in the Roman Catacombs, which he published conjointly with Dr. Northcote and De Rossi. His attainments and sterling worth rapidly raised Mgr. Brownlow to a

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Chapter on the 31st August, 1878. At the fourth diocesan synod howas appointed Dear of the newlyformed conference at Torquay, and Diocesan Inspector of schools, and in 1884 he was made, in place of Provost Brindle, clerical representative of the Diocesan at the Catholic School Committee meetings. In all these employments he gained more and more the confidence of his superiors and of his tellow priests. On the sudden death of the late Vicar-General, Canon I cuitentiary, and the Bishop of Plymouth constituted him his Vicar-General, bringing him to sup-crintend the Cathedral in July, 1888. In this active sphere of duty he acquitted himself most ably. In March, 1893, he was appointed Provost of the Cathedral Chapter by Pops Leo XIII., who conferred upon him the rank of Domestic Prelate. It was in the summer of 1894 that Dr. Brownlow was appointed Bishop of Chiton, and he proved a worthy scholes and divine ther original schools and divine other eminent scholar and divine the late Dr. Clifford. A lively controver y took place between Dr. Brownlow and the Bishop of Bristol immediately after the enthrone-ment of the latter in Bristol Cathedral on October 26, 1897. Following the service which was held in the Cathedral the Bishop received an address from the Dean and Chapter and the clergy of the diocese at an assembly in the Chapter Room, and in the course of his re-Room, and in the course of his reply he said: "I take my Bishop's seat among you as the heir, and to you the representative, of Saint Chad of Mercia and Birinus of Wessex, who sat in their Bishops' Wessex, who sat in their Bishops' scats 1250 years ago. I can count my episcopal ancestry name by name on either side. I take my Bishop's seat among you as the nature of the person competent to exercise episcopal jurisdiction, to perform episcopal functions, in the City of Bristol and in the Deanerles of North Wilts in accordance with the North Wilts in accordance with the principles of the Holy Catholic Church and the immemorist constitution of this realm." It was up on this passage that the interesting controversy arose between the ing controversy arose between the two Frelates, and our readers will remember the lucid and telling discourses of Dr. Brownlow which were then given in the press. During the seven years of his bishopsic Dr. Brownlow not only discharged most conscientiously his manifold duties throughout the wide area of the Clifton diocese, but found time to take an active part in many to take an active part in many to take an active part in many movements that had for their object the welfare of the citizens; from the first he showed a public spirit which was alike admirable and exemplary. He was well known as an archaeologist and antiquarian, and was promisently identified with various societies in Bristol and the meighboring coun-Bristol and the neighboring counties. He was an author of many works on religious, historical and archaeological subjects, and his-book on "Slavery and Seridom in archaeologs: and Seridom in Europe' has been widely circulated. On the catacomis of Rome to Northcote have them. and Provost Northcote have Been perhaps the greatest authorities in this country, and ever in Rome Ma. this country, and ever in Rome the highest value is attached to the deceased Bishop's writings on 'that subject. Dr. Brownlow was gifted with an attractive personality; Broad-minded, genial, and with a kindly greeting for everyone, he won the affectionate regard of all who came within the sphere of his influence, and enjoyed a large measure of popularity amongst both call and young. and young.

FRANCE

FATHER LEMIUS LEAVING FRANCE.

It is announced by the generally correct M. de Narion, who keeps the readers of the fashionable Firgaro abreast with ecclesiastical matters, that Father Licinius, O. M. L. formerly Superion of the Chaplains of the Montmartre Basilica, is leaving France for the British Province of his Congregar It is announced by the generally. British Province of his Congregar-tion. The late Superior of the Chaplains of Montmartre will, be regretted not only in Paris, but at Lourdes and throughout France, for he was a powerful preacher. M. de Narion compares him to Father. Olivier, the Dominicans, since both gave offence to the Government by their outspoken utterances in the pulpit. Father Lemins is to be succeeded by Father Thiriet, also an Oblate, who is 37 years old, spent some years in Holland, and is reported to be full of tact and moderation. Father Thiriet is to take the title of Riest Chaplain of Montmartre; the word "Superior" being considered to have an obnoxious sound in the ears of the framers of the Associations Bill.

One of the mest practical effects of the decision of the French Government in sending ships of wer to Miveleng in cruce to finite the sending the contract of the decision of the Prench Government in cruce to finite the sending ships of wer to

Mitylene in order to frighten the Turks, has been the virtual restoration of the rights of French Chris tians in the East, who were threat-ened by the Sultan, and the recog-nition by the Porte of the Chaldeau Patriarch, Mgr. Emmanuel. The Patriarch, Mgr. Emmanuel. The Patriarchate of the Chaldeans was recognized by Pope Innocent XI. in 1681, at Diarbekir. The seat was subsequently transferred to Bagdad, and then to Mossoul, or Mosul, on the Tigris, near, or opposite, the lite of ancient Nineveh, Mgr. Emmanuel, the present Patriarch, is forty-eight years old, and enjoys robust health. He is an

Oriental, brought up and educated by the Vincentians at Beyrout. He says himself that he owes thing to the French. The French influence is in fact very strong among the Chaldeaus. At Mosul there is a mission of French Dominicans who educate ecclesiastical students for the Patriarchate. M. Jules Bois, the spiritualist, who has been out to Mosul on mystical business, studying the old Chaldean seers, etc., says in The Gaulois that the recognition by the Sultan of Mgr. Emmanuel will mean, eventually, the extension in that part of Asiatic Turkey of French Catholic influence, as opposed to the Protestant influence of England and Ger-

BETHLEHEM.

Outside the walls of Bethlehem

Town,
All in the white starlight, A little lamb walked up and down, And cried into the night.

No other lambkin of the fold So flawless and so fair, No other sound upon the wold Fell on the midnight ai.

And tenderly the shepherd said,

"For thee nor gold, nor price, So pure thou art from foot to head, Dear Lamb of Sacrifice!" the walls of Bethlehem Town

A new-borr Irlant smiled. And scraphs bright with song look ed down Upon the Holy Child.

Shepherds their Shepherd saw

And bowed them to the floor, Kings on a mightier Monarch gaz-And gave Him costly store.

But she whose silent pondering In paths prophetic trod, knew she had borne that Holy Knew Thing

Which was the Lamb of God. -Zitella Cocke, in December Lippincott's.

THE ANGLING BUNNIES. (Albert Blashfield in December St. Nicholas.)

A party of bunnies, As brave as could be, Went fishing, one day. In the depths of the sea.

Their host, full of fun. Had provided good cheer; They had pickles and pie And good ginger-beer.

But the ramy young fish Ran off with the hook, And jerked it so hard, All strength Dick forsook.

They soon set their lines; Each eve was intent. All watching to see Which way the luce vent.

Still holding his line, He fell in headlong, While his friends to the rescue Came mighty and strong.

"See, see! There's a bite! It's your line, friend Dick. Now steady, my boy, And pull it in quick!"

"Be sure of the fish!" Poor Dicky called out. And soon a fine blue
Was flopping about.
That eve they sat down, As merry as lords, To the best dish of fish The deep sea affords.

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