

THE YOUNG CONVERTS

By Vera

It was my good fortune recently to read a little book written in French with the title "Les Jeunes Converties," a translation of an English work, compiled by an anonymous lady of St. Albans, Vt., in the early 60s. I say "compiled" because the book is made up of the letters and diary of Deborah Barlow, the eldest of three sisters of Fairfield, Vermont, who entered the Catholic Church and died in their youth. Debbie and her sister Helen came to the Ville Marie Convent, Montreal, in February, 1854 (the one aged fifteen, the other thirteen); the book begins with the letters written by Debbie to her mother from there. She was not long in the convent before she began to feel those attractions which the Catholic Church always exercises upon a soul naturally pure and upright. As she did not conceal this in her letters, her parents became alarmed, and removed the sisters from the Convent the following summer and placed them in a Protestant school in Vermont. Debbie did not fail to carry with her in her new hostile surroundings her little volume of St. Joseph and her Catholic prayers. The first day she went to school at Fairfield she wore her cross and medal. If these were a source of consolation they were also the cause of contradiction and sarcastic remarks against the idolatry of Catholics, as may be seen from the occasional letter she was allowed to write to the nuns at Ville Marie. After two years and a half of refusal, her parents gave way and she was received into the Church on St. Andrew's day, November, 1855. Five years more of life were all that were given to her, as she died on Easter Monday, 1860; of these she spent one, the year following her conversion, with the nuns of Notre Dame at their little convent of St. Eustache, near Montreal; her letters to her parents from there, and those she wrote to dear friends among the nuns after her return to Vermont make up the remainder of the book. Her two sisters, Helen and Anne, followed her into the Church, and, being before her, were nursed by her with tender care. Her letters to her parents from St. Eustache are remarkable for the firm yet respectful way she sets aside their views in regard to her marrying and settling down in her native place; with her father, who was evidently something of a politician, she was very tactful, writing to congratulate him on the election of Buchanan to the Presidency in 1860. These letters make up the touching history of a soul,—one of the little ones to whom the Father reveals his hidden plan for the worldly wise; a story that can be read with profit by many, who would be wearied by a more learned apologetica. The French translator tells us that the book was widely circulated in the States; and we can well believe so, for the letters have the rare charm of naïveté, directness and simplicity; they are the out-pourings of a devout, affectionate soul. One wonders if there would not be room for a re-issue of this little work in English; it would make admirable reading for children in the higher school classes, and for grown up persons who know how to appreciate the genuine and sincere in life and literature.

She was a very skillful nurse and well versed in the divine art of comforting those oppressed by the heavy weight of human ills. In September, Sister Raphael was appointed School Nurse for the Hamilton Separate Schools. Her duties were discharged with great earnestness and remarkable efficiency until a sudden illness obliged her to rest from her labors. The suffering endured for two months was characterized by admirable cheerfulness, patience and fortitude and the last days of her mortal life were a peaceful preparation for a blessed death. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus grant to her soul eternal rest.

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DIED

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