



A CONVERT'S STORY.

What Led a New England Agnostic to Become a Catholic.

Almost the first question asked a convert is: "What led you to become a Catholic?" It is a question often very hard to answer...

favor of the truth of the life and words of Jesus Christ as recorded in Holy Writ that I was compelled to either doubt all history, all human testimony, or believe in him and his divine mission.

readily converted into an altar. The lid when opened contains a portion of consecrated stone, and the box itself contains a reliquary and all the vestments for saying Mass.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Interesting Items Gleaned from all Quarters of the Globe. The Catholic negroes of Cincinnati have organized a society of Knights of St. Augustine.

house of studies in New England. The Xaverian Brothers first settled in America in 1834, when they went from Belgium to Louisville, Ky.

CRONIN CASE SENSATIONS.

Beggs and Coughlin Were Seen Going Into the Carlson Cottage—Kirby's Startling Story. CHICAGO, September 12.—It is said—and the information comes straight from those engaged in the prosecution of the men indicted for the murder of Dr. Cronin—that the State has now completed its case against the accused and is confident of conviction.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' PASTORAL.

The American Prelate Speaks Out Strongly in Condemnation of the Recent Unveiling of the Bruno Statue in Rome. BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 18.—His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons has just issued the following pastoral letter calling attention to the unveiling of the Bruno Statue in Rome.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, is about to issue a book the object of which will be to win back to Christianity those who have yielded to Agnostic influences. Bishop-elect Van de Vyver, of Richmond, Va., will be consecrated at the Cathedral, Richmond, on Oct. 20.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Upwards of 418,000 have been expended in the Boston district, New South Wales, during the past twelve years in the interests of Catholic education and religion. The Munich Fremdenblatt announces that the Congress of Bavarian Catholics will be opened on September 23rd.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Prayer to St. Joseph. To be Offered Throughout the Catholic World During the Month of October. [Latin Text.] GRATIO. Ad te, beate Joseph in tribulationibus nostris confugimus, atque imploramus Spouse tuae sanctissimae auxilio, patrocinium quoque tuum fidenter exposcimus.

THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

The Progress of Catholicity in the Land of Queen Mary. [Catholic Progress.] Pope Leo XIII. has not forgotten Scotland in the distribution of the jubilee gifts which were given to him by the whole Catholic world with such lavish generosity.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Among the prisoners just taken from Assouan to Cairo is an Italian woman, Marietta Cavallone, who comes from Korofolah and brings with her that the names, Sister Teresa, Eleonora, Concetta, Caterina, and Maria, and the two priests, Fathers Paolo and Giuseppe, are still at Khartoum.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

The Right Rev. Dr. Higgins has blessed and opened a new convent of the Brigids nuns at Cooma, archdiocese of Sydney. The ceremony was witnessed by a large assemblage, and his Lordship was assisted by Dean Shantry, of Cooma, the Very Rev. Dr. O'Hara, and Father Corboy.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

A Plea for Balfour's University. LONDON, September 14.—The Irish Catholic publishes a forecast of Mr. Balfour's bill for the establishment of a Catholic university in Ireland. It says: "The Royal University will not be abolished because it is required for non-Catholics and others unable to avail themselves of the advantages afforded by Trinity College, but its establishment will be largely reduced.