### WHO MAKE THE BEST CONVERTS?

Asked suddenly, "What kind of Protestants make the best converts?" the hereditary Catholic answers almost instinctively, "The Anglicans, or Protestant Episcopalians." These have retained much both of Catholic doc-trine and ritual. Within their ranks is a strong and constantly increasing ele-ment which likes to be called "the Catholic party." The houses of wor-ship under its control are almost indis-tinguishable from those of Catholics; It believes in Christian education; it It believes in Christian education ; it has religious orders of men and women ; and Catholic wise, it gravitates to the poor. There is probably no distinc-tively Catholic doctrine at which it hesitates over much, except the supremacy and infallibility of the Pope; and Lord Halifax, the leader of the Church Union, would find there not altogether impossible of acceptance, but for the re-affirmation of Pope Leo XIII. of

re-affirmation of Pope Leo XIII. of previous Papal decisions against the validity of Anglican orders. The religions life of the sincere Anglican or Protestant Episcopalism finds its only logical termination in the peace and certitude of the Catholic Church. Most Catholics know so many tervent converts who but a few years are were tervent Episcopalians that we Servent converts who but a few years ago were fervent Episcopalians that we naturally look to them as the most promising field for recruits. But the Rev. M. I. Bearman, S. J., of Chicego, a most experienced missionary, answer-ing the question put at the outset of this article says: "It seems to me that converts from Intheremism are, as a rule, the best.

Lutheranism are, as a rule, the best. Lutherans seem to possess more trath than other Protestants; and they seem, when converted, to bear more easily the obligations of Catholic life."

the obligations of Catholie life." Whereupon, our esteemed contem-porary, the Catholie Transcript, of Hartford, Conn., comments : There are not a few who will acquiesce in the opinion here expressed. The reason for the Lutheran's readiness to construct the templing of the Catholie reason for the Lutheran's readiness to accept the teaching of the Catholic Church may be attributed to one or more causes, but, in the last analysis, it will be seen that early in life the Lutheran child is inured to the prac-tice of his faith. He goes to a school from which religion is not banished. Nay, religion is the very life of the Lutheran school. A wail-read Catholic at once remem-

A well-read Catholic at once remem bers the school controversy in Wiscon-sin, nearly a decade and a talf past, where a coalition of Catholics and Lutherans on the school question took that State for the time being out of the Republican and into the Democratic ranks. As a rule, Germans, Catholic or Protestant, cannot conceive of edu cation without religion; and the Lutheran parchial school, like the Catholic, in a new settlement, goes up brick for brick, or stone for stone with the house of worship. The Lutherans in the United States have probably as many children in their parochial schools proportionately as have the Catholics in theirs; and while, among the Epis-copalians, there is evidence of divided counsels on the school question, there denominational schools. The Lutheraus revere the Crucifix as

The Lutherans revere the Orden's as a reminder of man's redemption. Luth or himself, even after his apostacy, proclaimed the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother of God. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden the churches diverted at the time of the so-called reformation to Prote stant uses. so-called reformation to Protestant uses retained much of their Catholic aspect while a larger proportion of Catholic while a larger proportion of Catholic doctrine lingered among the people than in Germany itself. We all re-member the Christian and fatherly ad-dress of the German Emperor William to his sons before they were confirmed as members of the Lutheran body.

A correspondent of our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Columbian, has a letter well worth quoting in this connection :

Editor Catholic Columbian :

WORDS OF A PROTESTANT MAYOR The Seneca (Kansas) Tribute give the following fine tribute of a Protestant mayor to the Catholic Church uttered in presence of Bishop Lillis of Leavenworth and an assembly of priests and laity under the anspices of the Federa-tion of Catholic Societies of Nemaha

county. The Mayor spoke in part as follows: "You represent the mother Church of the Christian era-the pioneer Chris-tian missionary organization of all the ages. Born at the foot of the cross, your nineteen centuries of holy en deavor give glorious proof that your grand mission shall never cease 'till time shall be no more,' and till your work shall be crowned amid the glories

"You never wait for civilization to conquer the waste places, but you move forward and civilization follows in your path. You do not pause to await the movements of commerce, but you cross the deserts, the seas and the ountains, and commerce finds its way wiere you have led.

"So long as the starry banner of 'our o vn Columbia' kisses our skies it will b) remembered that a brave Catholic b) remembered that a brave Catholic mariner, under the auspices of a de voted Catholic queen, first sailed in American seas, and first planted a Christian emblem upon American soil. That mariner and his queen 'builded better than they knew.' Your flag was planted on this continent more than four contring ago: and the expanse than four centuries ago; and the savage wilds of 1492 will soon be the homes of more than one hundred and fifty million

people, whose commerce girdles the globe; whose missions, homes, schools and church spires, with the ever-in-pir ing cross, are blessed of God from the Polar regions of British Columbia to the sungilded mountain peak of Mexico. How little we know what a train of momentous events may start from one holy thought, from one heroic deed-what grand lessons we learn from brave selfsacrifice for others.

sacrifice for others. "Your history is a most honorable one in American ancals. Your name is upon the Declaration of American In dependence. Your brothers fought with "Marion and his men'; with Gates at Saratoga; were with Washington at Valley Forge, and helped win the crowning victory at Yorktown.

"An insult to the American flag, an act of war touching our national interests, always find you ready to shed your blood and give your lives for American honor and American liberty. So long as the heroic deeds of Shields, Sherman, Sigel, Rosecrans, Sheridan and Corcoran endure in the annals of American fidelity and courage, the Americanism of your membership will remain as a synonym for national pa-triotism and honor. "You are not believers in race

suicide. You obey the Scripture in junction-'multiply and replenish the Your most enduring work is in earth. the purification of the hearts and the homes of the people. You do not teach that men can be made pure by legisla-tive enactment, but you lead all to Him Whosaid: 'Come unto Me and I will give you rest.'

"Not upon fields of battle, not in hot disputes upon the rostram, but in the tender ministrations of the home; of the mother and child; in the wise counsels of the Church, stand your towers of strength, your citadels of beauty and wisdom.

"Speaking as a Protestant of Pilgrim origin, it is a privilege to say that that your religious zeal brings to mind the enthusiasm and love of St. Peter, and the elequence and courage of St. Paul. It is no mean honor to be placed by you upot this programme, and it is a genuine pleasure, in the name of the City Council and in behalf of our people, to publicly thank you for giv-ing to this city the honor of the first Catholic congress in Kansas, and in behalf of the city of Scneca to bid you earnest welcome to our hearts and homes, and to bid you all God-speed in your efforts for the upbuilding of

### THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

# the fatherless and the widow, nor oppress them unjustly."--Church Pro-

INTERVIEW WITH PIUS X. NON-CATHOLIC IS HONORED WITH A

PRIVATE AUDIENCE. Not only is Pope Pius X accessible at all times to his own people, but he is also very kind in receiving non Catholics, for whom he has a very warm place in his heart, as his children just outside the fold. All Americans of whatever creed, who go to Rome have one consuming desire and that is to see the Pope; but not all are as fortun-ate as the non-Catholic young lady in the following chronizle who in a letter tells of a most delightful little visit she enjoyed with the Holy which

Fa her. The circumstances which led up to the private interviev were as follows Some years ago the young lady, who is a resident of Chicago, befriended a poor Italian who was esking out a live lihood by teashing there. Later she lost sight of him, and two years ago while in Italy was surprised to meet her quondam teacher in the person of a prominent Count. He had come into his inheritance, and as he is a consin of Cardinal Rampolia he offered to secure her an interview with the Pope. On her visit to Rome this summer she decided to take advantage of his kind offer, and the charming description of her visit to the Vatican is as follows:

Rome, August 1, 1905. I received my invitation yesterday, hours from 9 to 12 a.m. I left my party in the forenoon at 10 o'clock and took a carriage by the hour, drove to a church supply store, bought rosaries, then to the hotel to dress. I had on black shoes and skirt and belt, a white shirt-waist and hat, which latter I now took off and pinned a long lace shawl on most picturesquely, put on my black silk coat and black high collar, no gloves, according to regulation, no handkershief in sight, no watch or rings. Then I took my armful of rosaries-all the girls in the party wanted some-and drove to the Vatican. My driver had been telling the others waiting in front of the hotel whither I was bound, and when I came out between the long curtains which serve as doors here, they all arose and bowed, likewise the hotel employes. I felt like a church dignitary, I assure you. Twenty minutes later, at 11:10, I stopped at the bronze gate of the Val-can, walked through the lines of Swiss guardsmen and up the stairs into the private court. From here I was shown up five long flights of stairs, sixty each low and wide, of light marble, at each landing were guardsmen with pikes who saluted me. At last I came into the first ante-chamber where the sentinels were pacing to and fro by twos; from there into another curtained red silk room, where three men in wine colored silk suits received me and ushered me into a third room, where Monsignor Bressau, the private secre tary, came to me and told me that

His Holiness to see me and he would take my message. This did not suit me at all and I said, "I must see him myself," and could not tell M. Bressau my message. I said a few minutes would do and so I was turned over to a tall young man in full dress who was talking to a monk in brown and he took me into room No.4 where I sat a quarter of an hour admiring the beautiful gobelins carved ivory crucifix and red silk lining of the

n matters made it impossible for

room Suddenly a whole family of nobles called in and were taken through to another waiting room. After five minutes more a foreign embassy, prelates and monks, etc., all came out, lively discussion and left after hurrying to and fro and carrying documents in and out of the private secretary's room. Next a general appeared, all stiff with medals and gold and beckoned me into room No. 5, where a beautiful gold throne stood, the arms of which were angels and the back a dove in rays of

A.---. I could not see the Pope on ac count of the open door but when I

green stone cross and his famous Peter's

"Come and sit down beside me and

ome Bishops

was I." Then he asked about my home and travels, all the news of Ven-ice and laughed heartily at some things I said. I took out my photographs, which were hidden in my dress, as I was not allowed to have anything in my hands when entering, and he wrote a Benediction on each for me to sell for the poor artist. Then I asked him to bless my resaries and he said: "Why I did that when you spoke of them bofore." "Did you?" said I, "I did not no-tice it and I thonght you would touch them ad I could see you do it." He laughed and put out his hands, The Sovereign Bank

them and I could see you do it." He laughed and put out his hands, gathered them all in a bunch around my wrist, where they hung and said : "There now, watch me do it, here is tho best thorough blessing I can give." I thanked him and said I would now co as he was so here. He replied I

to as he was so busy. He replied I must come again when I came to Rome and be was glad to meet an American

who spoke such good Italian. When I arose to go he raised his hand, and as I liked him well, I said : "I know it is considered the right thing here to kiss your hand," but before I could finish my sentence he said: "You do not need to do it my dear." I took his hand saying :

I took his hard saying: "But I like yon because you have been very kind to me and helped the poor artist" Then I pressed it lightly against my cheek and said : "Good bye." He langhed evidently amused, and said: "A rivederci" ("Hope to see yon again). I bowed and went out. Now all the people were watching me closely in the adjoining

and wend out in the poople who watching me closely in the adjoining room and I heard some one say: "She is an American." "Lok out, she understands you," said the General. "She speaks Italian." I left quietly without a word more and well pleased with my normal experience. Catholia with my novel experience .- Catholic Columbian.

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This Lutheran church has quite an This Lutheran church has quite an interesting little history. Some years ago the pastor preached strenuously against Freemasonry. Nearly half of his congregation were Masons, and these leit the church at once. As the pastor refused them burial in the Lutheran cemetery they bought a piece of property adjoining the church, which they turned into a grave yard of their own. The faithful remaining members have just built themselves the new physich which is crowned by a cross. church which is crowned by a cross. JOHN BENNETT.

#### Sunman, Ind.

This instance is confirmation strong of Father Boarman's experience, show-ing as it does that "private judgment" is much more in abeyance on religious matters in Luther's own especial sect than in many other Protestant bodies, and that consequently Lutherans find

and that consequency Databas and it easier to submit to authority as em-bodied in the Catholic Church. But who among us, especially in New England, has not known of fervent Catholics from the Congregational, Methodist and Baptist denominations Nay the writer can find none to excel in unquestioning faith and exemplary practice, a group of converts who erst were Unitarians. The Spirit of God bloweth where it listeth. The sincere Protestant, of whatever denomination, who lives up to all the light he has and

humanity and the widening of the spheres of love and fraternity on earth."

## OPPRESSION OF THE POOR.

According to God's commandments I began counting the stars on the uniform of the general when a master of ceremony, also in uniform, appeared, we are rigidly enjoined to the obliga-tion of giving to everyone that which is due him. Therefore, injustice of any and every description is a sin against God's holy law. When this injustice assumes the form of oppression, especi-ally of the poor, it then becomes a sin which appeals to Heaven for vengewith a cane and a knob on it and after a few moments the general came to me and announced that the Holy Father ance.

Oppression of the poor, therefore, is defined as an unjust, eruel and tyran is defined as an unjust, even and typan nical treatment of inferiors but parti-cularly of the widow, the orphan and the needy. Perhaps it is no exag-geration to say, notwithstanding its frightful character, that it is one of the

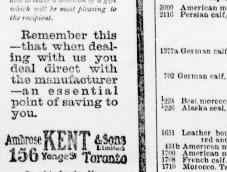
must common sins of the day. It has been made common by our stepped to the side of the general (on modern methods of commercialism and his knees) I saw Pius Tenth on a little the money mad spirit which has seized raised platform in a white broadcloth upon the people. Justice has been flung gown and cap, long golden chains with upon the people. Justice has been flung to the winds. Business has become a to the winds. Business has become a green stone cross and mistahous Peter's system of sharp practices the largest ring on his hand. returns going to those who are most proficient in its deceptions and prevarications. In the multitude of to kneel, but drew a chair up to his and said : tims of its shrewd manipulators. Widows and orphans are fleeced by its be comfortable." I ascended the steps and the general left us and shut the door whows and orphans are fleeced by its iron-hearted experts with no qualms of consciences. Honesty and honor haves given place to their opposites, and financial obligation knows no higher sense of satisfaction than that which the courts can enforce. Such are the conditions. But there will come a day of reference.

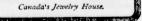
who lives up to all the light he has and holds himself in readiness to do God's will at any cost is sure to make a god Catholic. Hosts of such Protestants have come into the Church in America from every denomination, often putting to shame by their piety and sacriftee those to whom the Faith is an inherit-ance.—Boston Pilot. The smart of poverty is allayed even more by one word of true sympathy than by the alms we give. Alms coldly and harshly given irritate rather than soothe. Even when we can not give, words of kindness are a precious balm; and when we can give, they are the satar and when we can give, they are the satar and when we can give, they are the satar and when we can give, they are the satar and when we can give, they are the satar and seasoning of our alms.

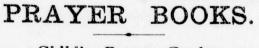
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