

**A REMARKABLE CONVERSION**

At St. Stephen's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

It was most agreeable news for us, to hear of the reception into the Church, at Minneapolis, Minn., of Mr. F. P. Russell, the beloved father of the worthy president of our Catholic Club. There must be Catholic blood running through the veins of the Russell family, or perhaps, to use more proper an expression, their minds are so open to the truth of the Catholic faith, and their hearts so taken by the beauty of our moral virtues, that they naturally find a home in the Catholic Church.

19 years ago, Mr. F. W. Russell had the happiness of being the first called to the grace of God to renounce heresy, and embrace the teaching of the one only true and infallible church of Jesus Christ. He was received into the Catholic Church at Hastings, in England, having there followed a course of instruction given him by the Rev. Father Arkill, S. J. He was confirmed some years later in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception here in Winnipeg. Every one acquainted with him knows how sincere and staunch a Catholic he is.

In 1890, it was the turn of another member of the Russell family, Henry Alfred Anthony, who received his instruction from the Rev. A. A. Cherrier, parish priest of the Immaculate Conception, and was admitted into the Church on the 24th of May. He too has proved to be a worthy member of the Catholic faith ever since.

Miss Elizabeth Mary Russell received the appeal and grace of God in 1897, when she was formally, on the 15th of May, received into the Church, also at the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. pastor remembers distinctly having then written to the father of the young lady to inform him of the step taken by his loving daughter. Mr. Russell had simply answered that the conversion of his child did not surprise him, as she was one whose heart needed something more substantial than what she could find in any Protestant church.

Perhaps did Mr. Russell even then wish his correspondent to understand that he also had already experienced the want of that something more substantial than what he had been able to find in Protestantism. Time however, passed on, carried by the stream of years, neither did we think much more of the gentleman's words; but we do now realise all that was concealed in his so-called apology to explain the conversion of his daughter. He also met in the person of the Rev. Father Gannahy, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, a true priest of the Church of Jesus Christ, and after due instruction was imparted to him, he felt that the two of his sons as well as his daughter who had become Catholics, had chosen the better part, and he followed their noble example; for lately he was received also into the true fold of the Lord.

There is certainly matter for gratification and congratulation in these four conversions. And we do hope to hear before long, that the other members of this happy family have also seen the light and been guided by it to where four have already found peace, joy and true happiness. Such is the wish of sincere friends on this 1903 Christmas celebration.

**FROM OUR EXCHANGES.**

Up to noon Saturday 1,143 cases of typhoid fever had been reported to the representative of the state board of health at Butler, Pa. The fever claimed its thirty-fourth victim Friday afternoon in the person of Rev. Daniel Walsh, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Father Walsh had been ill two weeks. His work among the poor was untiring, and before becoming unconscious he gave away everything he possessed in the world.—Catholic Citizen, (Milwaukee).

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President Ira Remsen, of the Johns Hopkins University, says: "The fundamental defect in our educational system at present is complexity. We expect more and more from the scholar. There should be a limit to this complex system. There is a waste of time. The requirements have reached an unreasonable point." The pupils in too many schools have too many studies and their daily tasks in each are too long. It is cram, cram, and at the end the students have an undigested mass of information, and they have not mastered even the rudiments of an education.—Catholic Colombian.

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