

THE STORY OF A CURIOUS CONVERSION.

Former Secret Society Leader Led to Embrace the True Faith by the Spectacle of an Ex-Prot. Defaming His Spiritual Mother.

Editor Catholic Standard and Times: I recently formed the acquaintance of an Englishman (a convert to the Roman Catholic faith) whom I had previously observed as being a very prominent secret society leader and a professed Protestant.

"I wish you to believe that I have always from boyhood up esteemed my eternal affairs and state of paramount importance to everything earthly. I was always determined to save my soul, either amid poverty, riches or disgrace. Therefore, I always tried to live as consistent and useful a life as Protestantism dictated.

"I began to reason thus: Who was this man, and what is he now? He alleges (and I believe in truth) that he was one of the Roman Catholic priest hood. I recalled that the British and most other soldiers are required to take an oath binding them to a certain term of service, and that the man breaking said oath (termed a deserter) was at a comparatively recent date adjudged deserving of death, and even to-day the offense is deemed so serious as to merit severe punishment and disgrace.

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THE FRATERNITY OF CHRIST.

Dr. Stafford's Sermon on the Pity and Benevolence of the Saviour.

An eloquent and touching sermon was that delivered by the Rev. D. J. Stafford, on Sunday last at St. Patrick's Church, Washington, upon "Pagan Cruelty and Christian Charity."

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PROTESTANTS SEE THE POPE.

Two Unpretentious and Uncredentialed Tourists Have an Interesting Audience.

This is interesting—the manner in which two unpretentious and uncredentialed tourists came to have an audience of Pope Leo XIII. As it is a most difficult honor to attain, even by crowned heads and diplomats, the narration may encourage the ordinary sight-seer, says the Lady's World.

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THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Cheney (Washington) Free Press.

Since the first of the year Judge Prather of the Superior Court has granted decrees in seventy five cases of divorce, dissolved two by stipulation and refused to grant one.

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THE CONVERSION OF A SINGLE SOUL.

W. M. PRINGLE.

The conversion of a single soul is worth more than the conquest of an empire.—Champlain.

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