

recently been received into the Catholic Church at Corunna, and Miss Laura Butler de Muro at Madrid. A soldier named Ventura Grijalba, who was brought up a Protestant, has also become a convert at Madrid. The Queen Regent of Spain stood up as godmother to the last mentioned convert. To this list we might add the name of a distinguished protestant divine of our own continent in the person of Rev. Dr. Merritt, for the past forty years the rector of an Episcopal church at Morristown, N. J. The Reverend doctor was a prominent "high" churchman and strongly opposed the election of the late Phillips Brooks to the place now held by Bishop Lawrence, holding that Dr. Brooks' "low" church notions unfitted him for the responsibilities of the Episcopal office.

It is interesting to note from time to time, the number of eminent personages who leave the ranks of Protestantism and embrace the Catholic Faith. An English exchange gives the following list for 1895. They are from among the cream of our separated brethren, as the greater percentage of our converts usually are.

The Revds. Raikes Bomage, M. A., whom the Archbishop of Canterbury sent as a missionary to the Copts; C. J. Wall, curate of Brent; G. H. Joyce, Vicar of Harrow-on-the-Hill; J. G. F. Ramper, curate of Christ Church, Beckenham; Rev. Abbé Tolstoi, of the Greek Church; P. G. Meath, Baptist Minister; Arthur S. Baines, Vicar of St. Ives; Nelson Ayres, Episcopalian Minister; H. G. Worth, M. A., St. John's College Oxford; E. M. Treby, J. P., and Rector, and his sister received into the Church at Buckfast Leigh Abbey, Devonshire; E. A. Theed of Davenport; Rev. Wentworth Powell, nephew of Bishop Jones, Washington.

Amongst those of the laity who joined the Catholic Church were his Royal Highness Prince Frederick of Schomberg Waldenberg; Lord Bennett, son of the Earl of Tonkerville; the Countess Cottenham, the Lady Mary Pepys, Miss Gale, niece of Lord Belper; Miss Griffiths Boscawen, now Mrs. Taaffe, Smarmore, the wife of the Japanese ambassador, Vienna; Miss Sidebottom, niece of the M. P. for Hythe; Mrs. E. Scott, daughter

of Mrs. Besant; Sir John Honeywood, his two sons and two daughters; M. Serrurier, Director of the Ethnological and Zoological Museum at Leyden, a man well known to the scientific world; Mrs. James G. Lindsay; M. Albin Valabarque, a distinguished literary man at Paris; Lieutenant James H. Turner and his mother, Mrs. S. E. Turner; M. Husjsman, a colleague of M. Zola; Mr. B. Harrison, son of the leader of the English Positivists; M. A. Dumas, daughter of A. Dumas, the great novelist, and a long list of others of less note.

A most extraordinary event recently occurred in England, an event whose surrounding circumstances clearly show that Anglicanism is still *en route* to the Old Fold. A vicar of the Anglican diocese of Winchester, was actually found offering prayers for the dead before a votive altar and thus practically asserting belief in the doctrine of Purgatory. Whether or not the vicar's congregation hold the same belief as himself we know not, but their action goes to show that they want to have their spiritual welfare attended to by their present vicar. The Bishop ordered the altar to be dismantled. This the vicar did, but soon after sent in his resignation, to which the congregation strenuously objected, for the minister had been very devoted to his work. The people got up a petition, to which five thousand names were appended, begging him not to resign. But as he persists, the whole parish is now practically in revolt, and from this movement a deep feeling is now spreading through the whole Anglican Church, which threatens to become agitated with controversy on account of it, and which in consequence may be forced to pronounce itself on the doctrine of Purgatory.

In response to a request by the captain of the Salvation Army in Cincinnati, made on Archbishop Elder, asking for some words of commendation, the Archbishop sent the following reply stating his position:

"A commendation would imply that your body holds an authoritative commission from God to preach His gospel and to teach men His doctrines and His laws. Such a commendation I cannot give. I suppose that you are aware of