

the position forced upon me. I am working very hard, but it will take some time before I shall feel fit to thoroughly accomplish it.

St. Peter's Gorgeous.

By special permission the representative of the Associated Press was allowed to enter St. Peter's to-night to observe the preparations for the coronation to-morrow. In the central aisle a wide space has been fenced off for the passage of the cortege. The chapels, including that of St. Gregory, where the Pope pauses, have been richly decorated with red damask fringed with gold. The papal throne rises majestically at the farther end of the great building, being a bewildering mixture of gold, red and silver, and appearing altogether too gorgeous to be sat upon.

On the right a space has been reserved for the diplomatic body, the Knights of Malta, and special representatives and envoys; and on the left another space has been reserved for the Roman aristocracy. Close at hand stands the bronze statue of St. Peter, dressed in full pontifical robes, and looking strange to profane eyes, the great toe worn away by much kissing of the faithful. There are 12 retreats, to which persons who happen to be taken sick may be transferred. The portico of St. Peter's has been closed by immense curtains to prevent any one from looking in as the Pope passes, which would seem to confirm the statement that Pope Pius X. will not bless the people from an outside balcony as was half expected.

Pope Upsetting All Customs.

The new Pope has been upsetting all customs at the vatican when courtiers thought to-day to give him pleasure by saying that he would have a tremendous reception at St. Peter's on Sunday. The Pope, to their surprise, was much displeased, and absolutely forbade anything of the kind. He called his major-domo, who thereupon issued the following proclamation, which was distributed as widely as possible.

"It is the warm desire of His Holiness to have no acclamation at the vatican, or basilica, and that the most devout and most religious silence will be maintained."

His Kindly Nature.

Another innovation at the vatican is the Pope's refusal to permit everybody to be sent away when he appears. A gendarme had ordered away some masons, who were working about the grounds, because the Pope was about to come forth. The Pope himself witnessed this action, and had the gendarme severely reprimanded. The masons were recalled and the Pope spoke to each, laying his hand on their heads.

The Pope also insists on continuing his habit of accompanying all persons whom he has received to the door, no matter how humble, notwithstanding efforts to have him abandon the custom.

Rev. Father Lee, of Oakwood, N. Dakota, and Brother Ambrose, of Laprairie, P.Q., were visiting at St. Boniface and Winnipeg last Tuesday and Wednesday. Winnipeg in their estimation is a really modern and promising city.

Mr. Alp. Picard, of the C. P. R. stores, left last Sunday on a well earned vacation trip. He will meet his wife and children, who are waiting for him in Montreal. After visiting his numerous friends and relatives of the Province of Quebec, he will be pleased to see Winnipeg again and return to his post of labor, where in the meantime his absence will no doubt be felt by all who are under his congenial command. Mr. Alp. Picard has been now 18 years in the employ of the C.P.R.

The many friends of Miss Albina Lauzon, a daughter of Mr. J. Bte. Lauzon of the Immaculate Conception, will be sorry to hear that she met with a serious accident. On Monday she broke a glass, of which some pieces entered the flesh of her hand. She had to undergo a surgical operation to clear the wounded limb from all bits that might have lodged in it. The last news received from the St. Boniface hospital, where she went for treatment, were most encouraging. There is every hope that she will soon be able to return home.

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The Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., is expected to be back at St. Boniface next Sunday.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface has resumed his pastoral visit out West. He will be absent for a couple of weeks.

The Rev. Father Jubinville will also soon begin the work of erection of a church at Dunrea, a railway station nat far from the chapel house of St. Felix.

A church will soon be erected at Alma by the R.R. Fathers of N.D. de la Salette, and there is a talk of a convent school being built also at the same place by the S.S. of N.D. des Missions.

Thirty-six members of the secular clergy attended the annual ecclesiastical retreat, which was brought to a close Saturday, the 8th inst. Fourteen were prevented from attending by unavoidable circumstances. There are therefore actually fifty secular priests in the diocese, two more are expected to be here soon, and four Seminarists are preparing for the sacred orders, which in all likelihood they will receive before long.

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