

Persons and Facts

The many friends of Father Coffee, S.J., will learn with sorrow the death of his father, the late Mr. Denis Coffee, which occurred on April 25, in Toronto. He had attained the venerable age of 92. The remains were taken to Guelph, where the funeral took place from the deceased's late residence, Neeve street, to the Church of Our Lady. The solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock on April 27 by Rev. Father J. C. Coffee, S.J., the eldest son of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Father Doherty, S.J., deacon, and Father Donovan, S.J., subdeacon.

Iowa Catholics have just achieved a notable victory through aggressive unity. By the co-operation of clergy, laity and the Catholic societies throughout the State, a law has been put through the legislature which will do away with the former unjust provision that Catholic priests could not, of right, minister to the spiritual needs of the Catholic inmates of state institutions.

The estimated Catholic population of Great Britain is 2,500,000.

A missionary man at Ning po, Ching gives interesting examples of the value of slight sums contributed to the work in China. Twelve cents, for instance, will feed a widow for two months; 60 cents will pay a poor family's rent for four months or can be used to save the lives of six little foundlings who would otherwise be destroyed. \$6.00 will enable the Sisters to visit 15 different districts, and such visitations usually produce about 250 baptisms of dying infants, apart from the good wrought among the adult population; the same amount will board an orphan, a cripple, or an aged person for six months.

Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., who is improved in health after a severe illness, remarked just before the attack that he should be willing to continue to live, if for nothing else but that he might keep hoping that the people would at last choose as their governors and lawmakers, wise, brave, just and enlightened men. And then he gave utterance to this striking and comprehensive epigram: "At the close of the nineteenth century and the opening of the twentieth century the world is dominated by two forms of power—the power of money and the power of the many. Can it be possible that the people who in the past have been the instruments and servants of every kind of tyranny shall become resigned to serve as slaves in the modern temple of Mammon?"

The beatification of Mother Julie Billiart, foundress of the Order of Notre Dame de Namur, will take place this May. In all the houses of the Order throughout the world, celebrations will be held in honor of the beatification.

The German centre party has presented to the Reichstag a bill abolishing the last remainder of the laws unfavorable to Catholics. The debate was rather bitter and was taken up by the Socialists and the Liberals.

The Catholic Young Men's Society of Italy has proposed to the like associations of the entire world a programme of celebration for the Golden Sacerdotal jubilee of His Holiness as follows: An international pilgrimage to Rome in September, 1908, an offering of a golden chalice for His Holiness, the institution of permanent works for the

general benefits of emigrants, an exhibition of articles for poor churches, the articles to be collected by the young.

Abbe Perosi, the well known composer and director of the Sistine chapel, Rome, has just finished a classical symphony, at which he has been at work for over a year. He intends to have it performed in Milan before his visit to South America, where he has been engaged personally to direct several of his oratorios.

Bishop Schewbach of La Crosse, Wis., was expected to sail from New York for Naples on Saturday on the steamship King Albert of the North German Lloyd line. From Naples he will go direct to Rome. This will be Bishop Schewbach's ad limina visit to Rome.

M. Descourtins, Switzerland's famous Catholic publicist and statesman is reported seriously ill. It may be remembered that between himself and the late Pope Leo XIII. a warm friendship existed, the great Pontiff cordially encouraging his struggle in behalf of the working people.

With regard to the forthcoming condemnation by the Holy See of the errors of the day, it is no longer a secret that the writings of the Abbe Loisy will furnish a considerable number of the propositions to be condemned—although they do not by any means exhaust the list. The subject of Our Lord's divinity will figure very largely in the Syllabus, and the historical character of the New Testament will also be treated. It is impossible yet to say when this most important document will be published.

Notice

Notice is given that the regular bi-monthly attendance at Holy Communion by St. Mary's Lyceum, falling on Sunday, May 6th, has been postponed.

Archbishop Keane will deliver the annual baccalaureate address to the graduates of the University of Iowa next June. The same invitation was extended last year, but the Archbishop's plans to travel abroad prevented him from accepting.

The marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg has been definitely fixed for June 1. The foreign ambassadors who are to attend the ceremony will arrive in Madrid, May 28.

Prof. Gibbs of Covington, Ky., recently gave a Gregorian-Chant recital at the Cincinnati Auditorium, with the aid of a boy choir of 200 voices.

Lectures on Irish history are being given under the auspices of the School Board in the city of Milwaukee. Thirty public school teachers are following the course.

A writer in the St. Louis Church Progress, M. D. Collins, warns Catholics against buying a history of the United States from the pen of Senator Lodge. The book is said to be replete with misrepresentations of Catholic doctrine and a hatred of Irish Catholics that is truly astounding.

Astronomers are deeply interested in the action of the Pope, who, on the recommendation of Monsignor Maffi, the archbishop of Pisa has summoned, as the new director of the Vatican Observatory, Father Hagen, who, since 1888, has occupied a similar post in the Jesuit University of Georgetown, D.C.

After the closing of the forty hours' devotion at St. Francis' Church, Portland, Oregon, recently, Professor Edward Smith, of Columbia University, was received into the Catholic Church by Rev. Francis J. Phelan, C.S.C. Mr. Smith made the profession of faith and received conditional baptism. Professor Smith was formerly a Methodist minister in the East. He is a Greek and Hebrew scholar, and is at present professor of Greek and Latin at Columbia University.

The Catholic clergy of New Jersey have decided to continue their efforts against political evils in that State. This decision has been brought about by the success of the clergy in the recent liquor fight.

An American artist, Marquise Cecile de Wentworth, a native of New York, will almost surely gain the most sensational triumph at the coming Paris salon. The Marquise recently gave a private view of her striking and unique picture of the dying moments of Leo XIII.

Her portraits of the living Leo were applauded. For the death bed scene she had the collaboration of fourteen cardinals, who posed for her, wearing robes in which they were grouped around the expiring Pontiff. The room in which Leo died was reconstructed in exact detail for the Marquise by order of the present Pope.

The plan to establish in the United States a national association for Catholic young men on the lines of the Y.M.C.A., has, it is said, taken definite shape and has the approval of Cardinal Gibbons, and Archbishops Ireland, Farley and Ryan.

A complete electric light plant has just been installed at St. Louis college, San Antonio, Texas. The plant will furnish light and power for the college and surrounding grounds, and a building measuring 25 x 60 feet has been built to house the machinery. The total cost is about \$6,000. As the college already has its own waterworks system it is now entirely independent of the city both for water and light.

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ST. BONIFACE NOTES

University examinations closed on Friday morning.

On Sunday an interesting game of Base-Ball was played between the Bousers and the Niggers, the former winning by three runs. The game was very fast and several double plays were noticed. In the ninth innings the score was 15-15; another innings being played the game was decided in favor of the Bousers. O'Connell failed to touch Crepeau's famous out drops and in-shots, and was forced to leave the plate sorrowfully, after being put out several times. Bonneau played an unusually good game both at the bat and first base. Navin, or as he is better known as Bouser, must think he has a long neck, since he put on a three and a half inch collar, for he struck only the high balls and hit the weather. Levasseur played an excellent game behind the bat, and made some fine stops. Lemay must be congratulated on making several brilliant efforts at catching foul-fly's. Surprenant in second and Gelley in the field played a good game. We must not forget our old friend Paradis, who played so fast a game that he came to grief sartorially. Gelley certainly did the Bousers some good with his coaching. In the last innings Basil Monette and Paradis endeavored to rattle J. B. Crepeau, but their endeavors were fruitless for the Bouser twister from Argyle took it coolly and managed to put Basil and Monette out in that innings.

The teams were:

Bousers	Niggers
Geo. Levasseur	A. Lemay
J. B. Crepeau	J. T. Basil
M. Bonneau	1st Base Monette
E. Surprenant	2nd Base A. Paradis
J. Dutton	3rd base A. Gereard
J. H. Gillis	Shortstop J. O'Connell
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