

to the decree permitting the trial at Rome of the suit for the beatification of him whom we may henceforth call the Venerable Cæsar Sportelli.



Canonization and beatification. — The canonization of the Blessed Jean Baptiste de la Salle, the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of Christian Schools, is fixed for the 24th May next. It is known to all that one of the miracles canonically examined and accepted at Rome for the canonization of the holy founder occurred in Canada in favor of Brother Nethelme, who has just died suddenly in Montreal. Paralyzed and given up by his physicians, Brother Nethelme was instantly and radically cured in 1889, through the intercession of his blessed Father, on the last day of a novena in his honor. Several Venerables will be raised to the honor of beatification at the same time.

The suit for the beatification of the Venerable Jean-Baptiste de Lamennais, who likewise founded an Institute of teaching brothers, called Brothers of Christian Instruction has just commenced in the mother house of the Institute at Ploërmel in France. The name of this holy priest is in great veneration throughout Brittany. He is considered there as one of the purest glories of the nineteenth century.

The Institute of the Brothers of Christian Instruction counts fifteen establishments in Canada, twelve of which are in the diocese of Montreal alone.



A remarkable conversion. — Some weeks ago the newspapers announced the conversion to Catholicism of one of the most striking personalities of the Protestant world, the Reverend Benjamin de Costa an episcopalian minister of New York.

Strange to say, it was the study of the Bible, the strongest point with Protestants, which brought Mr de Costa over to Catholicism. « The Catholic Church, he says, is the only one which preserves, understands and interprets the Bible.

In the very remarkable letter by which he announced to the public his entry into the pale of the Catholic Church, Mr de Costa makes the following remarks on papal infallibility :

« It is time that sincere non-Catholics should study the question of Infallibility and learn that the idea that this Infallibility is antagonistic