

BACKGROUND NOTE

The statue, which is made of Portland Stone, is 6 ft. high and depicts St. Boniface as a boy of fourteen at the moment of realising his missionary vision.

The statue has been given by Sir Patrick Ferguson-Davie, Chairman of the St. Boniface Society, and the plinth has been given by the people of Crediton.

St. Boniface was born in Crediton, and was educated at Exeter. He went to Germany, and his martyrdom at Dokkum in Holland, led to Holland becoming a Christian country.

St. Boniface was the Apostle of Germany, and is Patron Saint of Germany. All the Catholic Bishops of Germany meet once a year for a week at Fulda (where St. Boniface's relics are preserved and venerated) for prayer and consultation.

There is a city of St. Boniface in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and there is great interest in this ceremony in Holland, Germany and Canada.