

SISTINE CHAPEL FRESCOS RESTORED.

The work that has been carried on during the last two years in the Sistine Chapel is now completed, and the unsightly scaffolding will be at last removed. The commission held its last sitting on Wednesday and will meet again. This commission was appointed by Leo XIII. in June 1903, for the purpose of consulting as to the best method of preserving the famous frescoes of the chapel, especially the work of Michael Angelo on the ceiling, and to carry out and carefully supervise any course of restoration which it might recommend.

The first report of the commission was fairly favorable. The condition of frescoes was found to be no worse than that of others of a corresponding age elsewhere, and all that was necessary was the strengthening of the hold of the plaster upon the rock. This was effected by means of an old system, successfully employed before in the Sistine Chapel itself. Metal clamps, T shaped, were driven here and there through the plaster into the solid rock, preventing any further detachment of the plaster and the crevices between the plaster and the rock, and the interstices and cracks in the plaster itself were filled with a mixture of lime and finely powdered porcelain, so that the frescoes present an even and compact surface.

This work, delayed at first by the death of Leo XIII. and the use of the Sistine Chapel by the Conclave, was finally completed last month. The question was then raised as to the advisability of attempting to clean the paintings by the removal of a coating of paste which has become blackened by age. Careful experiment showed at once that such an attempt would be dangerous. The work of the commission has, therefore, strictly limited itself to strengthening the hold of the plaster and preserving it, as far as possible, from breaking away or falling. No painting of any kind has been done and no color has been added. During the course of the work the frescoes have been repeatedly photographed as a proof that no change had been effected.—London Times.

THE ONE GREAT AIM.

The object of the Church in all her dealings with those without as well as within, is the salvation of souls. This must be our aim as her faithful children. This object we shall be able to further only as we live in accordance with the spirit of our religion. It requires no deep or extensive knowledge of mankind to know that the road to their convictions lies through their affections. If we would be instrumental, under God in converting them, we must begin by loving them and by our love winning their love.

Nothing is gained by convincing a man against his will; often the affections are not won serves only to repel from obedience to the truth. We succeed in influencing others for their good only in proportion as we set before them an example fit for them to follow—a meek, gentle, humble, charitable, kind and affectionate in our intercourse with them.

And why shall we not love these neighbors and countrymen of ours who have not the inconceivable happiness of being in the Church of God? Who are we that we should set up ourselves above them—that we should boast over them? What merit is it in us that we are not even as they? or how know we that we will not be the next day in their denunciation? Are they not our kinsmen according to the flesh? Has not our God loved them with an infinite tenderness?

THE CURSE OF DRINK

The victims of the liquor habit are recruited from all ranks of society. Examples illustrating this sad fact are of daily occurrence. We present a recent one: Frederick Canning, said to be a nephew of Earl Canning once Governor General of India and grand-nephew of George Canning, Prime Minister of England, died last Monday night in a lodging house at 5 Thompson street, New York. Within ten days he had received a remittance from lawyers in London and the information that he had fallen heir to entailed property in Ireland. The annual rentals of the estate are said to amount to \$15,000.

Alcoholism was the cause of death, and it tells the story of ten years in America of the kinsman of the famous Canning. He was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and was one of the Seventeenth Lancers who marched with Lord Roberts in the famous Afghan campaign in 1880. He took to drink and sank lower and lower his friends say, until at length he found a friend for his orgies in a man who had been his father's hostler. This man got him employment at racetrack stables. Up to recently he received annual remittances from his sister in London, but

these failed. Following the news of his fortune ten days ago he gave himself over to dissipation that brought on his death. He had practically no friends in this country, and his death in the mean little room in the lodging house was pitiful in the extreme.

This is one of the many deplorable cases that show that the danger of indulging in intoxicating drink. The victims of alcohol are unnumberable. Many sink into drunkard's graves unwept and unmourned and unknown. People say: "Why don't the fools let it alone when they find they are going too far?" We have heard of men who tempted the current of Niagara, but did not know it to be so powerful until they heard the roar of the cataract that announced their doom.—Catholic Universe.

HOW ONE CONVERT WAS ATTRACTED TO THE CHURCH.

In the June number of Truth, a convert writes: "Born in Philadelphia and in a section of it which was intensely 'Native American,' among my earliest recollections are scenes of the riots of 1844, I being then a boy of ten years. I grew up among the prejudices born on such events, and early learned to look upon a 'foreigner' with suspicion, and upon a 'Roman Catholic foreigner' as one who lived in this country by tolerance, not by any just right."

Time passed by, however, and the future convert became "reader" in a book-printing office, where many Catholic books passed through the press, and thus many things hitherto unknown came into his notice. "Gradually," he says, "my mind opened to and absorbed these facts: . . . that the history of the Catholic Church was identical with that of modern civilization, which was molded by her; that heroic charity had always marked her religious orders, as is splendidly illustrated by the lives of such saints as St. Francis and St. Vincent de Paul, who especially excited my veneration; that if abuses had at times crept into the Church, they were due to human weakness or the meddling of laymen, but in no way invalidated the divine infallibility of her doctrines; that she had been, in the days of her greatest power, the benefactor and protector of the poor and humble. This latter point especially impressed and won me, and this impression has been deepened by subsequent reading upon the Middle Ages, the monastic orders, and the guilds. Indeed, I am fixed in the belief that the Catholic Church can and will solve the social problems now everywhere pressing for solution, and I rejoice exceedingly that the best and highest Catholic minds are now earnestly striving to this end."

A UNIVERSAL CATECHISM.

The last issue of the Civiltà Cattolica confirms the news that the Holy Father intends to publish an elementary catechism for use throughout the universal Church. The Civiltà devotes an exceedingly interesting article on the subject, and points out that the Fathers of the Vatican Council approved of the project at that time by a majority of five hundred and thirty-five Bishops against fifty-six Bishops who opposed it on account of the difficulty of composing a really good universal catechism. The Jesuit review discusses effectively of this and other objections, and gives ten excellent reasons in favor of the new catechism: 1. The present great situation of population between different countries; 2. the removal of doubt about some points of Catholic truth—doubt caused in the minds of children and the ignorant when they find the same truth expressed differently in different catechisms; 3. greater stability in catechism instruction; 4. better guarantees for the unity and purity of doctrine; 5. greater authority in the eyes of the faithful; 6. the universal application of the subsidiary means for the explanation of the catechism; 7. a sure and universal foundation for works growing out of the catechism, and for popular works of piety; 8. and for higher courses of religious instruction; 9. a stronger and deeper sentiment of the unity of the Church; 10. and finally, Bishops everywhere would be relieved of a great responsibility. It is of course impossible to say when the new catechism will be ready, and the Holy Father's recent prescriptions for the teaching of the catechism are by no means dependent on its appearance.

New York, June 28.—Mrs. Winthrop Rutherford, fourth daughter of Levi P. Morton, former Vice-President of the United States, was today received into the Catholic Church. She has been considering the step for the last two years, and has been giving much attention to reading on religious subjects.

Friends of Mrs. Rutherford, who was Miss Alice Morton, have known for several months that she has had an inclination toward the Catholic Church. She had practically completed her preparation when she called three weeks ago on Archbishop Farley for instruction. She was baptized in the Cathedral last Saturday noon by the Archbishop. Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford are now at their farm, Tranquility, which is near Allamuchy, N. J.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Loretto Abbey. WINNERS RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES—LIST OF GRADUATES.

Loretto Abbey commencement exercises took place on Wednesday in the presence of the parents of the graduates. His Grace Archbishop O'Connor presided. Following is the list of honors and special prizes: Graduating medals conferred on Miss Mary Guilfoyle, Miss Mabel Ewald, Miss Irene Pagan, Miss Camilla Cossery, Miss Alice Rooney, Miss Teresa Roemer, Miss Mary Lusk. Gold cross for Christian doctrine, presented by Very Reverend J. J. McCann, V. G. ob tained by Miss Ella Hedron. Silver cross for Christian doctrine in intermediate department, obtained by Miss Julia O'Sullivan. Silver medal for Christian doctrine in junior department, obtained by Miss Elna Cooney. Gold medal for Church history, presented by

Reverend G. H. Williams; obtained by Miss Teresa Roemer. Prize for good conduct in senior department, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Prize for good conduct in intermediate department, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Prize for good conduct in junior department, obtained by Miss Mary Guilfoyle. Diploma for instrumental music teacher's course, awarded to Miss Mary Guilfoyle. Gold medal for proficiency in English Language, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Bronze medal for excellence in English Language, graciously presented by His Excellency the Governor General, obtained by Miss Irene Pagan. Gold medal for English essay, presented by Mrs. John Foy; obtained by Miss Irene Pagan. Gold medal for mathematics, presented by Mr. Eugene O'Keefe; obtained by Miss Mary Lusk. Gold medal for Latin, presented by Rev. Wm. McCann; obtained by Miss Alice Rooney. Honorable mention—Miss Mabel Ewald. Gold medal for proficiency in third year academic, obtained by Miss Sadie McArthur. Gold medal for painting obtained by Miss Helen DeFeo. Gold cross for painting obtained by Miss Yvonne Blouin. Gold cross for painting obtained by Miss Elna Spratt. Special prize for ceramic art obtained by Miss Josephine Baulf. Silver medal in senior leaving French class, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Silver medal in senior leaving French class, obtained by Miss Camilla Cossery. Promoted to the graduating class Miss Helen Corcoran, Miss Blythe Gager, Miss Thelma Clarke, Miss Helen DeFeo, Miss Mabel Mar in Miss Blanche Ryan, Miss Clara Price, Miss Florence Alison.

First prize in second year academic obtained by Miss Irene Pagan. First prize in first year academic obtained by Miss Blanche Ryan. First prize in fourth class obtained by Miss Gertrude Ksake. First prize in fourth class obtained by Miss Clara McCool. First prize in senior third class obtained by Miss Irene Pagan. First prize in junior third class obtained by Miss Elna Cooney. First prize in senior leaving French class obtained by Miss Teresa Roemer. First prize in part II, junior leaving French class obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. First prize in part III, junior leaving French class obtained by Miss Lillian Fairbrother. First prize in second French class, Miss Mary Meehan. First prize in second French class, Miss Susie Ferry. First prize in first French class, Miss Mary Keight. First prize in preparatory French class, Miss Sarah Howes. First prize in junior leaving German class obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. First prize for Italian obtained by Miss Mary Lusk. First prize for pen and ink and color drawing obtained by Miss Thelma Clarke. First prize for pencil drawing obtained by Miss Irene Pagan. Prize for fancy work in senior department Miss Yvonne Blouin. First prize in intermediate department Miss Rita Wheaton. Prize for writing in intermediate department Miss Mabel Ewald. Prize for drawing in intermediate department Miss Mabel Ewald.

Departmental Examinations. Junior matriculation certificates (Miss Mabel Ewald, Miss Irene Pagan, Miss Teresa Roemer, Miss Mabel Ewald, Miss Camilla Cossery, Miss Blythe Gager, Miss Thelma Clarke, Miss Helen DeFeo, Miss Mabel Mar in, Miss Blanche Ryan, Miss Clara Price, Miss Florence Alison). Junior leaving certificates, Miss Alice Rooney, Miss Mabel Ewald, Miss Violet Joynt, Miss Florence Alison. Senior leaving Part II, Miss Mary Power. Miss Department.

Gold medal for Toronto University senior department, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Silver bracelet for Toronto University primary department, obtained by Miss Mabel Ewald. Gold medal in commercial department, presented by Mr. J. Seitz; obtained by Miss Edith Hise. Diplomas for stenography and typewriting obtained by Miss Edith Hise, Miss M. G. Olive Lyne, Edna Foley, Anita O'Hearn, Teresa Morrison, Kathleen Saura, Mary the, Anna Marie, Catherine, Catherine, Nellie Pakenham, Josephine Pakenham.

Art Department. First prize for painting, Misses Yvonne Duval, N. O'Sullivan, M. E. Ewald. Second prize for painting, Misses R. Kellogg, L. Cannon, L. Fairbrother, H. Hemond, E. Ewald, M. Ewald. Third prize for painting, Miss Jeanne Delisle. First prize in junior painting class, Misses A. Grace and L. Ewald. The following is the programme: Ave Maria. Senior Choral Class. Chorus: Welcome gladdest morning, Bearing victory's prizes, Stars of joy are shining, Feet alighting rise, Hail thou beauteous morning, Of the sun and fair, Bearing holy blessing, G. F. from Paradise.

Adapted from "The Rose Maiden" by Cowen. Vocal Solo—"The Thistle" (Hensson), White Chorus: Hark the morning lark pours forth her morning lay, Away, while yet 'tis break of day! O'er the fields and meadows gaily go, Up the hills and through the woodlands low; Rise the lark where tiny waverlets fly, Come away, Bright the morning, Hark the lark where tiny waverlets fly, Cool the summer air, With joy we hail the dawning, Wander, old the odoriferous pine and brake, Neath the oak where sits the lone owl blinking, While our songs the echoes wake, Ho! ho! ho! all hail the morn! Laughing, singing as we go! Hark to the merry hunter's horn, Greeting us from glen below, Conferring of medals and Honors in Senior and Junior Academic Class. Lyric from "As You Like It" by De Koven. Violin and Piano. "The Song of the Lark" by E. K. Written by a member of the Institute of the B. V. M.

Chorus: "When the spring has climbed the mountain side, When the glowing sun melts winter's snow, When the first green leaf comes forth to sing, And the earliest flowers, the meadow show, When on hill and plain ends old winter's reign, And the earth revives from lingering pain, Hark, a voice, rejoicing through the welkin ring, How fair! oh how fair is the lovely spring."—Well Distribution of Departmental and Toronto University Music Certificates. Invocation: "Iesu mihhi in humilis corda, fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum."—Melvil. God Save the King. Classes will be resumed Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

During commencement week at Loretto Abbey Toronto's lovers of the beautiful had splendid opportunity of admiring a fine collection of art contributed by the pupils of the convent. The work was in different departments: chess, medals, pen and ink, sketching, water colors, pencil drawing, and oil work. The quantity and quality of work in the

china studio was astonishing and well worthy of the praise bestowed. The prize-winner Miss Josephine Baulf (Winnipeg) showed great talent and application in her productions. This pen and ink sketching deserves special mention. There were represented there several pictures copied from notable artists, the medalist, Miss Thelma Clarke showing much originality and talent in her various studies. A large number of pictures were exhibited in the water color studio. The gold medalist Miss Helen De Feo shows most exceptional talent and ability in both water color and oil painting. Miss Helen De Feo's exhibit is large, and the work is admirably done, showing an eye for detail, an accuracy in coloring and a talent in drawing and composition rarely seen. Too much cannot be said of this able young artist whose persevering genius will soon bring its reward. The unfailing courtesy and consideration of the teachers in charge of the studio have afforded a great deal of pleasure to their visitors, and the Sisters of Loretto should be highly gratified at the obvious success of their pupils.

After the regular business was concluded at a meeting of the Village Council in the clerk's office last evening Mr. Teedy, who has held the position of clerk and treasurer of the municipality for the past thirty-two years, was presented by the members of the Council with an address and a gold-headed ebony cane superbly engraved. The following is the address, which was read by Rev. E. Savage: To M. Teedy, Esq. I am pleased to meet you at the last meeting of our Village Council, of which you are clerk and treasurer, we received your resignation as clerk and treasurer of the municipality of the village of St. John's (in fact you are the father) and during that time you have filled the position with such thoroughness and care for your usefulness to them in many ways relating to Council matters as which you were at times their adviser. We will now ask you to accept this cane, not for its value but for its use, and we know you will accept it in the way it is given and may it be a reminder to you of the good work you have done as between yourself and the Council of the Village of Richmond Hill. Our prayers are that you may long be spared to us. (Signed) P. G. Savage, Reeve; Wm. Innes, Thos. French, J. P. Glass and Isaac Crosby, Councillors.

Mr. Teedy expressed his appreciation of the gift and presentation in the following words: I thank you for this manifestation of your good feeling towards me in retiring from the office of clerk and treasurer of Richmond Hill Corporation, which has been a labor of love to me for the past thirty-two and half years. I have experienced much kindness and consideration from the various councils I have served, particularly those ever which Mr. P. G. Savage has presided as reeve. I shall ever remember your kindness and shall prize this gift during the remainder of my day.—Richmond Hill Liberal, June 25, 1905.

DIED. DUSOME.—On June 3, by drowning near Penetanguishene, Mr. D. Alton Dusome, son of Mr. Joseph Dusome, of Penetanguishene. May he rest in peace!

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