IRISH SCULPTOR DUAD.

He was a native of Ireland, d 70 years old. He served in frimean way, and sted in the Papal guards, and ing the period of his enlistment Hed sculpture under Castini in no. After seven years he came to New York, where he opened In 1860 he was comm mioned by Ohio to produce the tal statue of Commodore Per ry, which ornaments Euclid avenue, of that city. During the civil was he settled in Washington where his most notable works are life size statues of Chief Justice Taney and Chase. His masterpiece is his Winchester Soldier, erected upon the famous battlefield in Vir ginia. Twenty-two years ago he went to Galveston. Aside from the busts of Houston and Austin, produced nothing worthy of note in that State. He leaves no relatives.

RAPHAEL'S SISTINE MADONNA

Last summer while looking up in Dublin some material for a lecture on the Irish School of Medicine,, says J. J. Walsh, M.D., Ph. D., I came across the following letter of one of the greatest physicians who has ever lived. He is one of the founders of the Irish School of Medicine which accomplished so much for the proper study of disease and the development of bedside teaching in the nineteenth century. His name was William Stokes, and he is recognized as one of the best authorities on diseases of the chest who ever wrote on this difficult subject. The letter was written not when he was young and perhaps over enthusiastic, but when he was in his sixtieth year and considered one of the most conservative of living medical scientists. Stoke was not a Catholic, though he was a very faithful member of the Episcopal Church, and as is evident from the tone of his letter, a devout believer in the supremacy of the privileges that had been conferred upon Mary in becoming the Mother God. The letter was written to sympathetic friend in Dublin and contains one of the most beautiful tributes that has ever been paid to Raphael's surpassing picture,

Sistine Madonna, and its sublime

"Dresden, Sept. 1, 1863. "We have spent the greater part of two days in the picture gallery here. You will like to know what effect the Sistine Madonna of Raphael had on me. I expected-I don't know whya glory or strength of color. But after gazing a few minutes on this marvellous work I felt how wrong I had been. It is placed in a separate room, which it seems to turn into a sanctuary. No matter how many are present, there is a silence, if people speak, it is in the lowest whisper. Involuntarily you walk on the floor on tip-toe, and all uncover The principal colors are purple and red, both so delicate and so harmonized that they give to the whole picture the purity of Heaven. To speak of the expression of the Child! Oh! such love, power, sadness, prophecy, in both faces, as they look into the infinite and raise you up to be part of it. The whole was a dream of the painter. He saw the Blessed Mother descending to him from Heaven, and so he painted her. In her eyes I could see a strange surprise, a wild but subdued feeling of awe, that she should carry in her bosom the wonderful, the mighty God, the Prince of Peace. She does not look on Him, but into space, and her gait seems rapid, for the purple hood rises full above while her naked feet hardly imprint the rolling clouds which float tween her and earth. I feel it presumptuous to write this, for this is work that 'no matter-moulded form of speech' can ever describe. . . . One effect of it is to make you careless about all other treasures of this wast gallery, in which you have works of Correggio, Titian, Sasso erato, and hundreds of other great painters."

HOW WELLINGTON WON ASSAYE.

The battle of Assaye, the most san guinary for its size that Wellington ever saw, came about as the result of the purest chance, plus the ability of one man to turn that chance to account. The Duke confessed that his army was in a terrible predicament at the time. He had got the best native guides that money could secure, but when they came to the river Kistna they could not tell him of a ford. An enormous horde of na-tive cavalry was threatening him. The very existence of his army de ing.

cended upon his reaching the oppo-site bank. But how could be do so Failing all other methods, he tool the whole of his cavalry for escorand personally reconnoitered the river. By the aid of his glass he saw that there was a village on the that there was a village on right bank of the river and an village exactly opposite it on the other bank. Still his guides insisted that there was no ford. "Now," said Wellington, "men could have built two villages so close one another on opposite sides of stream without some habitual me of communication." On that formed the desperate resolution, he called it, of marching for the rive and trusting to there being a ford. He was right. He did find a pas sage, and his troops got over won the battle of Assaye.

Why Catholics Love to Ruild Fine Churches.

The edifice which is constructed to be for a congregation of the faithful, 'the house of God and the gate of heaven," the chosen place for the Divine Sacrifice, the permanent abode of Christ, really present under the sacramental species in the sacred tabernacle, the audience hall which is erected the mercy throne of the King of glory, should, of course, be the finest structure in any locality and furnished with the richest ornaments that the loving worshippers can procure. The Temple of Solomon was such by the direct order of God Himself, and Catholics have always understood, and understand today all over the earth, that such should be, to the best of their power, our places of sacred worship. A poetic inscription written by Fortu natus, about A.D. 550, for a church built by St. Felix in Nantes, France, bears witness to this conviction in the early ages, and the masterpieces of architecture since erected all over the Christian lands testify to it in every subsequent century. Rev. E. Bridgett, C.S.R., has rendered the verses as follows :

"The sacred Body of the Lamb Divine-

A priceless pearl-demands a golden In wealth and art with Solomon's to

vie. More rich, more fair to faith's dis-

cerning eye."

The more fully a people realize th holiness of a church, the greater, naturally, will be their eagerness lend beauty and dignity to the edifice and to all its furniture and ornaments. This truth is evidenced by the facts of history. For it wa in the ages of faith that the grandest churches were constructed; they were provided with vessels and ornaments of gold and silver, set with pearls and precious stones, to an extent which far surpassed richest display of kingly and imperial magnificence. Since the called Reformation the same spirit of faith and love for the Blessed Sacrament has made Catholics do wonders of generosity in behalf of thei churches, while in Protestant lands the houses of worship have been shamefully neglected. It is since the Oxford movement revived in England that a new spirit of respect for churches/has been aroused, first among Episcopalians, and gradually to some extent among others of the sects. Pray we that they may get back the "precious Pearl," and the artistic setting will not be long delayed .- Father Coppens, S.J., in the New Voice.

Helping Grand Trunk Apprentices.

A very successful experiment in the matter of practical education has een made in the Port Huron shops of the Grand Trunk Railway. There are between six and seven hundred en employed in the shops and of these about a hundred are apprentices. Mr. J. T. McGrath, the maste nechanic, some time ago inaugurated a system under which the appren tices receive from competent instruction in mechanical drawing and other branches calculated to as sist them in their manual training in the shop. Soon after the classes had been formed and work had go nder way, a literary and scientific institute was organized among the students, but the movement be so popular that full-fledged mecha nics and men who had worked at their trade for years joined in well. The shop the men in all this, and a local pa per says that no more satisfied h of workmen are to be found any where in the country than the Grand Trunk men at Port Huron, Mich .-Railway and Locomotive Engineer

a young artilleryman he mounted him on his own horse and ordered him or a life and death ride of fourteer miles for the nearest Spanish clergy man who could speak English. The priest arrived in time, and the poo soldier made his peace with God be fore he passed beyond the sound of

Catholics will grant that this ac tion is to the credit of General Miles It is true in every detail. The young artillery officer wrote an accor it shortly after, and his article, entitled "With Miles in Porto Rico," was published by most of the American Catholic journals. Later Gen. Miles corroborated its statements in a letter to a Catholic editor .- The New World

LITTLE LAUGHS.

THOSE MAGAZINE RECIPES. "Don't talk to me about the recipes in that magazine," said Mrs. Liane, with great energy. "Wasn" that the very magazine that advised me to put on that sody solution and

leave the tablecloth out over night

to take off those yellow stains?" "I'm inclined to think it may have een," said Mrs. Lane's sister, with "I sent you a number of them in the spring, I remem

"Well, and what happened?" asked Mrs. Lane, with rising wrath. "Didn't the stains disappear

asked her sister. "Disappear !" said Mrs. Lane, in a withering tone. "It was the table cloth that disappeared. I don't know anything about the stains."

+ + * VOCATION AND AVOCATION. "Uncle Ephraim, what do you do

for a living?" "I preaches an' I raises punkins

"Which pays you the better?" "Well, o' co'se I gets mo' money out'n de punkins, but I gits 'nuff dis tinction out'n the preachin' to make up de diff'unce, boss."

* * * An Irishman travelling in France vas challenged by a Frenchman to fight a duel, to which he readily consented, and suggested shillelahs

"That won't do," said the Frenchman's second. "As challenged party you have the right to choose arms, but chivalry demands that you should decide upon the weapon with which Frenchmen are familiar.'

"Is that so?" replied the Irishman coolly. "Very well, we'll fight with guillotines."

SENATOR PETTUS' STORY OF A BAD PEN.

Senator Pettus, of Alabama, writing with a noisy, spluttering pen Laying the pen down, he smiled and said:

"Once I was spending the evening with a friend of mine in Selma. We sat in the dining-room, and from the kitchen came a dreadful, scratching

"'Martha,' said my friend to the maid, 'what is that scratching in the kitchen? It must be the dog trying to get in.'

'Huh !' said Martha, 'dat's no dawg scrachin' de do'. Dat's de cook a writin' a love letter to her honey-suckle.' ''

An illiterate young man once got a friend to write a letter for him to his sweetheart. The letter was ra ther prosaic for a love-letter, and he felt that an apology was due to his weetheart for its lack of tenderness. It was as follows

"Please excuse the mildness of th ere letter, as the chap wot's writin' it is a married man, an' he says he can't abide any soft-soaping; gives him the spazzums.'

At a smoking concert recently oung man with a better or his own vocal powers than his audience had volunteered a song, but die not get an encore. When he h finished an old friend remarked:

"Well, lad, I'm not blaming the shou'st done thy best; but if I kne the chap as asked thee to sing I'd crack his stupid head "

Affliction makes and develops char acter. From this thorny vine bursts flowers of beauty and fragrance. On this rough and gnarled tree grows the mest delicious fruits.—Rev. Dr. Bristol.

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At the back of the skull is another epresentation, this one being time devouring everything. Time also carries a scythe and beside him is the nblem of eternity-the serpent with its tail in its mouth.

The upper section of the skull is divided into two pictures. On one side is the crucifixion with the Marys kneeling at the foot of the cross, and

Below these pictures, running righ-

shape of a miniature skull, is about! round the skull cut to represent the various emblems of the crucifixion, such as scourged the cross, swords, spears, the lan used in the garden, and so forth. A of the carvings have appropriate La tin quotations

By reversing the skull and h the upper part in the hand and I ing the under jaw on its hinge watch may be opened, and on plate inside is a representation the stable at Bethlehem, with shepherds and their flocks in distance.

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