## THE VATICAN.

Z Another "Bome" Article in the The Century by F. Marion Urawford.

It would be a hopeless and a weary task to attempt to trace the history of the buildings of the Vatican. The Pope's private apartments occupy the eastern wing of the part built round the court of St. Damascus; that is to say, they are at the extreme end of the Vatican, nearest the city, and over the colonade, and the windows of the Pope's rooms are visible from the square. vast mass which rises above the col-umns to the right of St. Peter's is only a small part of the whole palace, but is not the most modern by any means. It contains, for instance, the Sistine Chapel, which is considerably older than the present church, having been built by Sixtus IV., whose beautiful bronze monument is in the Chapel of the Sacrament. It contains, too, Raphael's Stanze, or halls, Bramante's famous Loggie, the beautiful architect ure of which is a frame for some of Raphael's best work .

But any good guide book will fur-nish all such information, which it would be fruitless to give in such a paper as this. In the pages of Murray the traveler will find, set down in order and accurately, the ages, the dimensions and the exact positions of all the parts of the building, with the s of the famous artists who decor ated each. He will not find set down there, however, what one may call the atmosphere of the place, which is some thing as peculiar and unforgetable, though in a different way, as that of St. Peter's. It is quite unlike any-thing else, for it is part of the develop-ment of churchmen's administration to an ultimate limit in the high centre of churchmanism. It is hard to define it, but it is in everything : in the uni-forms of the attendants, in their old fashioned faces, in the spotless cleanli-ness of all the Vatican-though no one is ever to be seen handling a broomin the noiselessly methodical manner of doing everything that is to be done in the scholarly rather than scientific arrangements of the objects in the mu seum and galleries-above all, in the visitor's own sensations.

No one talks loudly among the statues of the Vatican, and there is a feeling of being in church, so that one is disagreeably shocked when a guide. conducting a party of tourists, occasionally raises his voice in order to be It is all very hard to define, while it is quite impossible to escape feeling it, and it must utlimately be due to the dominating influence of the churchmen, who arrange the whole place as though it were a church. An American lady, on hearing that the Vatican contains 11,000 rooms, threw up her hands and laughingly exclaimed, " Think of the housemaids !" But there are no housemaids in the Vatican, and perhaps the total ab ence of even the humblest feminine influ ence has something to do with the aus tere impression which everything pro

On the whole, the Vatican may be divided into seven portions. These are the pontifical residence, the Sistine and Pauline chapels, the picture galleries, the library, the museums of sculpture and archaeology, the out buildings, including the barricks of the Swiss Guards, and, lastly, the gardens with the Pope's Casino. Of these the Sistine chapel, the galleries and museums and the library are incomparably the most important. The name "Sistine " is derived from

stant creative power before all things ; it means wealth of resource and invention ; it means quantity as well as quality. No truly great genius, unless cut short by early death, has left little of itself. Besides man's one great masterpiece, there are always a hundred works of the same hand, far beyond the powers of ordinary men ; and the men of Michael Angelo's day worked harder than we worked. Perhaps they thought harder, too, being more occupied with creation, at a time when there was little, than we are with the difficult task of avoiding the unintentional reinvention of things already invented, now that there is much. The latter is a real difficulty in our century, when almost every mine of thought has been worked to a normal depth by minds of normal power, and it needs all the ruthless strength or original genius to go deeper, and hew and blast away through the red rock of men's limitatiions to new veins of treasure below.

The chapel is a beautiful place in itself, by its simple and noble propor tions, as well as by the wonderful architectural decorations of the ceiling, conceived by Michael Angelo as a series of frames for his paintings. Beautiful beyond description, too, is the exquisite marble screen. No one can say certainly who made it; it was perhaps designed by the architect of the chapel himself, Baccio Pontelli. There are a few such marvels of unknown hands in the world, and a sort of romance clings to them, with an element of mystery that stirs the imagination, in a dreamy way, far more than the gilded oak tree in the arms of Sixtus IV., by which the name of Rovere is symbolized. Sixtus commanded and the chapel was built. But who knows where Baccio Pontelli lies? Or who shall find the grave where the hand that carved the lovely marble screen is laid at rest.

The walk through the museum is certainly one of the most wonderful in the world. There are more masterpieces, perhaps, in Florence ; pos sibly objects of greater value may be accumulated in the British Museum, though that is doubtful ; but nowhere in the world are statues and antiquities so well arranged as in the Vatican, and perhaps the orderly beauty of arrangement has as much to do as anything else with the charm that pre vades the whole. One is brought into direct communication with Rome at its best, brilliant with the last reflections of Hellenic light; and again one is brought into contact with Rome at its worst, and beyond its worst, in its de-cay and destruction. Amid the ruin, too, there is the visible sign of a new growth in the beginnings of Christian ity, from which a new power, a new history, a new literature and a new art were to spring up and blossom, and in the rude sculpture of the shepherd, the lamb and the fishes lies the origin of Michael Angelo's "Moses" and Pie-ta.

There, too, one may read, as in a book, the whole history of death in Rome, graven in the long lines of an cient inscriptions, the tale of death when there was no hope, and its story when hope had begun in the belief in the resurrection of the dead. There the sadness of the sorrowing Roman contrasts with the gentle hopefulness of the bereaved Christian, and the sentiment and sentimentality of man kind during the greatest of the world's developments are told in the very words which men and women dictated to the stone-cutter. To those who can Sixtus IV., as has been said. The library was founded by Nicholas V., whose love of bocks was almost equal to his passion for building. The galleries the stone-cutter. To those who can read the inscriptions the impression of direct communication with antiquity is very strong. For those who cannot to the stone-cutter. To those who can read the inscriptions the impression of direct communication with antiquity is very strong. For those who cannot there is still a special charm in the long succession of corridors, in the oc casional glimpses of the gardens, in the cool magnificence of the decora tions, as well as in the statues and fragments which line the endless straight walls.

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

even dearer to literary Englishmen than Jeremy Taylor or Bishop South. Where can we find an irony so keen and yet so delicate, a humor at rare intervals so full of genuine glee, a passion so pure and so serene, a power of description so full of atmospheric brilliancy, an earnestness so persuasive, because so simple and genuine, and a pathos so tender and profound? Even to those who differ widely from his creed his twelve volumes of sermons, his exquisite story of a martyr dom of the third century, his vivid description of one side of Oxford life in 'Loss and Gain,' his fine 'Verses on Various Occasions,' which are but too few, and his memorable ' Dream of Gerontius,' which so many of us will recall on our own death beds, will al ways be among their most delightful memories, and that not chiefly for the subtlety of their language or the singu-

lar lustre and distinction of their style "But when we think of what D Newman has taught us, that religion begins in humility, grows with every act of fidelity and shows itself in that sort of candor which brings the mos opposite creeds into the closest possible relations with each other, so that misunderstanding is almost difficult than the frank avowal of unreasoning prejudice, I think we may say that we Protestants have learned from him a great lesson. This, at least, is true-that his long life of winning austerity, the tender glow of his piety and the fundamental steadfastness of a nature so strangely sym pathetic have rendered it absolutely impossible for any one who really knows his writings ever again to speak of the faith of his Church with anvthing like the stolid and almost brutal contempt so common among us sixty years ago. To some extent surely he

has helped Roman Catholics to understand-perhaps to love-Protestants To a very great extent he has helped Protestants to understand and love not only the thinkers, but the popular mind of his own great Church."

## Simplicity of Jesus Christ.

As simplicity is the distinctive character of the Divine perfections, which are infinite only because they are simple, so was it also the pecular char teristic of the virtues of Jesus Christ. which, by reason of their extreme sim plicity, are beyond all measure sublime How difficult to explain that superem inent quality which words cannot de-scribe, which thought can scarcely penetrate. To treat of it adequately to understand it fully, requires the very eculiar assistance of the Spirit of God which I now humbly implore for myself and my readers.

Virtues are simple when they are animated by one single motive, when they are directed by one single inten tion, and tend to one single object. Such were the virtues Jesus Christ. Their sole motive was the love of God ; their sole intention the glory of God; their sole end the fulfillment of the will of

God-and this motive, intention, and end are absolutely but one and the same. That motive was susceptible of no increased purity ; that intention of no further uprightness ; that end of no additional refinement from the alloy of there is no danger." any other less perfect object. Our advantage, sanctification, and happiness were also an intention, a motive, and an end proposed to Himself by Jesus Christ. But His love for us was only a consequence of His love for God ; our perfection was referable to the glory of minaret. dod, our happiness ide ed with the will of God, and thus all His views were reducible to perfect singleness and and unity.-Reverend J. Grou. Children may be spoiled in numerous ways-by never contradicting or correcting them, by always indulging on giving way to them, by excessive praise, by injudicious comparisons, and last, but not least, by setting them a bad example. An only child, whether son or daughter, is always in danger of being spoiled ; and the mis chief is soon done. Many men and women who turn out thoroughly selfish were meant by nature to be generous warm-hearted, and self denying.

separated him from Cardinal Newman's conclusions. If it were only for the singular literary charm of his writ-ings, Cardinal Newman ought to be even dearar to literary. Finally to be tirely devoted to their work; they have no other concern but the welfare of the pupils intrusted to their charge. They have adopted teaching as a life long profession, many of them binding themselves by special vow to that pro-fession. They do not, as secular teachers generally do, use their pro-fession as a stepping stone to a more honorable and lucrative position. It would be strange, indeed, if the pupils from England forty years ago, and for thirty eight years has been a resident profi of such teachers should fail to be of Melancthon. During some thirty years of that time he has been a postcient in any branch of scholasti studies.

Every word in favor of our Catholic schools and Catholic teachers is of im-portance to the Catholic parent. Either it helps to establish them on a deputy reeve. He has also been justice of the peace since the formafirmer basis of respect and esteem, or tion of the county. It will thus be seen that Mr. August stands high in it awakens the ignorant or thoughtless to the realization of what they should seek and find in their children's school life and progress. With good schools and good teachers the children who do not "get on " are held back by faults in their parents and their homes, and there the reformation must begin.-Catholic Standard and Times

# A THANKFUL DOMINIE.

### Heard the Sallors Swearing and Kne There Was No Dange

It was on the morning of the 16th day of April, 1881. A venerable looking Catholic clergyman had just bought his steamer ticket in Astoria, Oregon, for Victoria, British Columbia, and was about to seat himself comfortably on deck of the Monitor, when the big-hearted, good-natured captain of the ship accosted his reverence and warnly observed : "Stormy weather ahead, Father

better go inside." To which the priest smilingly answered : "Never mind, captain ; I can stand it all right."

As fate would have it, the frail, noisy steamer had scarcely reached the unlimited waves when down from the north suddenly swooped a terrific gale, which maddened the billows into fury. To cut a long story short, I venture to state that with the exception of the priest and the captain, all the passeng ers were soon simply terror-stricken These two exceptional beings were both standing on the platform of the reconnoitering minaret-the captain consulting his telescope and the Father absorbed in deep meditation on the majestic grandeur of God's powerful elements versus the comparative insignificance of man's smallness.

Captain, O captain," suddenly yelled a nervous voice from below any danger, captain ?"

"None whatever," was the captain's stolid answer, and just as the trembling individual was repairing to the owels of the steamer the generalissimo added :

"Say, mister, did you see the sailors' quarters ?" "Yes, sir," said the nervous voice. "Well," rejoined the captain, "did

you not hear them curse and swear ?" "Oh, dreadfully," answered the frightened passenger. "Well, I will tell you one thing,

sir," replied the captain ; " as long as you hear those fellows curse and swear The passenger disappeared, the storm, grew louder and fiercer and

still the captain and the Catholic clergyman were holding their equili brium with the aid of a strong hand grasp on the iron railing around the

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Dear paients, the pr manifesting an interest dren nowadays is to see thorough-going good, thorough-going which will not only enab their way through thi honor to themselves, b our Lord to raise them day to enjoy the glorit blessed in heaven.

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representative of Raphael's work, which predominates to such an extent that the paintings of almost all other artists are of secondary importance. precisely as Michael Angelo filled the Sistine chapel with himself. As for the museums, the objects they contain have been accumulated by many Popes, but their existence ought, perhaps, chiefly attributed to Julius II. and Leo. the principal respesentatives of the Rovers and Medici families.

On the walls of the Sistine Chapel there are paintings by such men as Perugino, Luca Signorelli, Botticelli, and Ghirlandaio, as well as by a number of others ; but Micheal Angelo over shadows them all with his ceiling and his "Last Judgement." There is something overpowering about him, and there is no escaping from his influence. He not only covers great spaces with his brush, but he fills em with his masterful drawing, and makes them alive with a life at ouce profound and restless. One does not feel, as with other painters, that a vision has been projected upon a flat surface, but rather has the impression that a mysterious reality of life has been called up out of senseless material. What we see is not imaginary motion represented, but real motion arrested, as it were. in its very act, and ready to move again. Many have said that the man's work was monstrous. It was monstrously alive, monstrously vigorous at times, over strong and overvital, exaggerative of nature, but never really unnatural, and he never once over reached himself in an effort. No matter how enormous the conception might be, he never lacked the means of carrying it to the concrete. No giantism of limb and feature was beyond the ability of his brush ; no as-tounding foreshortening was too much for his unerring point ; no vast perspective was too deep for his knowl-edge and strength. His production edge and strength. His production was limited only by the length of his life.

Great genius means great and con- in spite of the great chasm which

One returns at last to the halls one lingers here and there, to look again atsomething one has liked, and in the end one goes out, remembering the place rather than the objects it contains, and desiring to return again for the sake of the whole sensation one has had rather than for any defined pur-

When all is seen the weary tourist gets into his cab and drives down the empty paved way by the wall of the library, along the basilica, and out once more to the great square before the church. Or, if he be too strong to be tired, he will get out at the steps, and go in for a few minutes to breathe the quiet air before going home to get the impressions of variety which he has received in the Vatican, and to take away with him something of the peace which fills the cathedral of Christendom.

## PREJUDICES REMOVED.

Non-Catholic's Testimony to the Value of Cardinal Newman's Writings.

At the recent unveiling of a statue o Cardinal Newman at the Oratory, London, a letter was read from Richard H. Hutton, a non-Catholic who had been invited, in which he said :

" It seems to me that we who do not belong to your Church have gained not less-perhaps even more-from Newman's character, life and writings than you with whom he was at home. Perhaps we had more to learn from him which you had inherited from your forefathers. I cannot forget how highly the late Doctor Dale, of Birmingham, an accomplished man, but a Protestant of Protestants, in a letter which I greatly reproached myself for having lost, estimated his writings, and especially their power and genius,

HINTS AS TO CATHOLIC CHIL-DREN.

The "Reader" of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart never says a foolish thing, and as the time for the opening of the schools is now near at hand Catholic parents ought to take heart and rejoice in the following statement he makes in the September number of the Messenger :

"Wherever the pupils of our Catho lic schools were allowed to compete with those of the public schools they have shown equal or even superior proficiency in the secular branches of earning in spite of the fact that, owing to their crippled financial condition, they must in most places labor under great disadvantages. The confidence of Catholic parents in our Catholic

schools is therefore well founded. We have every reason to be thankful and even proud of their efficiency.' True also, and calling for considera-

tion are the views expressed in contin uation of the subject :

"Nor is this to be wondered at. Our Catholic teachers, as a rule, are re-cruited from the best and most intelligent element of our American society -not from the very wealthy, who are likely to be demoralized by luxury, nor from the very poor, the develop-ment of whose mental faculties may be stunted by hardships and want, but from that middle class who represent

Who is that gentleman?" inquired the priest. "Oh," said the ponderous captain,

"I thought you knew him. That's the Methodist minister of Astoria. He has his wife and children on board, and of course-"

Just then was heard a noise of hurried steps on the iron stairway, heading from below to the captain's tower. Then appeared the self-same Methodist gentleman, nervous, ex-hausted, half bewildered, tired, timid and apparently gasping for breath. "Thank God," he exclaimed upon reaching the platform; "thank God those sailors are still cursing! There is no danger yet !"

Freemasonry.

Freemasons themselves have just shown that there is very good reason for the convening of the Anti-Masonic Congress that is to meet at Trent, in the Austrian Tyrol, on September 29. A congress of Freemasons that was held last week at The Hague justifies all the attacks that have been made on Masonry. This is admitted from a source that cannot be suspected of bias towards the Catholic Church, namely the United Press, which on August sent a despatch from London saying "The Hague conference united under the auspices of the Grand Orient of France all Dutch, Belgian and Italian lodges affiliated to the Grand Orient. It has long been known that duly constituted lodges in America, Great Britain and throughout the world refuse to recognize the Grand Orient since the ritual of that body be came irreligious.

"The Hague congress confirmed the worst features of the Grand Orient and added a platform of a politico Socialist character, utterly at variance with Freemasonry as accepted outside the Grand Orient. Upon the doings of this congress at The Hague the Trent critics can seize, but the great Mason ic bodies throughout the world will disregard both The Hague and Trent. -Catholic Standard and Times.

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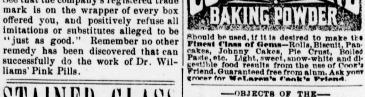
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