INTERESTING FEATURES OF ANCIENT ROME.

ROME, Italy, Dec. 5.—(Editor Roseburg Review).—After we had seen St. Peter's and the gardens, museums, picture and sculpture galleries, we directed our steps toward the ancient part of the city. We were anxious to see the Roman Forum, the Colisseum, and the Mamertine prisons where St. Peter and St. Paul are said to have been incarcerated. We made our way toward Piazza Venezia, the heart of ancient Rome. The monument of Victor Emmanuel first drew our attention. It is one of the most magnificent art structures of modern times, costing to the people of Italy over one hundred and fifty millions of lires. This monument overshadows and divides the ancient and modern Rome. On the right of the monument there is a stairway leading to the Capitoline Hill, where yet stands the Senate House of old Imperial Rome, from which place the destiny of the once known world was directed. It is now called the Campagilo (or the place of sorrow). It is so called because the record is kept on marble slabs of those who died heroically in defense of their country's cause. The Italian Senate still meets in this building, castle or palace, as you may call it. It was here that the poor, deluded Rienzi, the last of the Tribunes, had himself declared "dictator." Later, when he levied taxes to meet the expenses of the municipal government he was stabbed to death and dragged through the streets of Rome and finally burned to ashes.

You have no doubt read about the girl Tarpeia, who betrayed the fortress for a golden bracelet and in lieu was killed by her temptors. This place to this day is still called the Tarpeian Rock, and it is here that political traitors and other criminals were hurled from the rock, among them the same Manlius who, with the aid of the geese, had saved the capital. Under the hill a little to the north of the Septimus Severus massive arch, is the Mamertine prison, where St. Peter and St. Paul were incarcerated. From that place history relates that St. Peter bore his cross toward the Janicular Hill, and so heavy was it that finally, reaching where the Cathedral of St. Peter now stands, then the site of Nero's circus, he told his guards he could walk no further, so that they crucified him then and there. There is a little church built over the prison which is called St. Peter Incarcerated. The little fountain from which Peter took the water to baptize his jailor is still there and is in the center of the rocky floor. There are now steps leading to the cell and electric lights illuminate the passage, yet it is gloomy enough to make you shiver.

The Roman Forum is a few steps from the Mamertine prisons, and as you look upon the great ruins you ask yourself, can this be the Forum that I read about; can this be the spot where, all Rome was used to gather, where orators harangued the multitudes, where gladiatorial games were held and where Romans voted their laws? From the ruins now leveled with the ground stood enormous buildings. It is here that a few years ago was discovered under the ruins the tomb of Romulus, and is attracting to it every visitor that comes to Rome. Also the rostrum from which Mark Anthony delivered the famous funeral oration over great Caesar's body, and from the same platform Cicero spoke against Anthony, which speeches were the cause of his assassination. Here also Pliny, he who so graphically described for us the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as Quintilian and many other lawyers, made their fame and fortune on this platform.

From the Roman Forum then you go to the Palatine Hill to see the palaces of the Caesars. When we look upon it from the Forum, we are a little inclined to expect much splendor surviving, and once we climb up we behold a mass of ruins covered with grass and wild flowers and guarded by melancholy cypresses, those emblems of immortality. This is the smallest of the Roman hills. It is, however, sovereign of them all, for in ancient Rome it held the greatest place from the earliest beginning until the decay of Rome; a record remaining in the Palatine. From the time Romulus built his hut there, to the end of the empire of the west, the Palatine has loomed large in Roman history, and the very word "palace" comes to us from the name of Palatine, and since the early centuries a royal dwelling is commonly called a palace.

Of course we visited the Colisseum. This is an immense structure all in ruins, a mute testimonial of the "felicity" and "delight" of the Roman populace of old. Titus employed twelve thousand captive Jews to build this elliptical structure, which consists of four stories and had a seating capacity of one hundred thousand. Years gone by pilgrims were anxious for relics of the Colisseum and Pope Pius V urged those who wished them to gather and take with them the dust once saturated with martyred blood.

The Colisseum, the Pantheon and the Castle of St. Angelo seem to rise from the soil of Rome, just as the vestiges of some old but extinct race remains upon the earth to remind us of its perished greatness. All three buildings have come down to us from antiquity, but the Pantheon alone has had an almost continuous existence in the character intended in B. C. 27 by the builder. Whether C. 27, by the builder. Whether ever remained religious.

In the romance of Rome, so rich in color, and often so scarlet in blood, the Castle of St. Angelo stands out dark and towering in its massive strength, even as we see it today, against the deep blue Roman sky. Though other buildings are in ruins, St. Angelo is still a fortress, and the blackest part of the city's history clusters about this castle. It would be too gruesome and almost monotonous to tell of them.

As we gaze upon the red brickwork of St. Angelo we shudder involuntarily as we think of all the blood that has been shed here, and the cruelties perpetrated. Rome is also a city of art, of sculpture, of learning, of religion; but from a score of different points during our wanderings through her streets, the castle flashes into view, and the very sky seems to darken somewhat, for St. Angelo invariably brings to our minds that Rome is also the city of blood.

The Cathedral of St. Paul, which is beyond the walls of the city, was visited. It is one of the Patriarchal churches which dominated the Christian religion. Returning toward the city we stopped at an old delapidated chapel, bearing a marble slab over the door and I read the following inscription in Latin: "In this place St. Puter and St. Paul were separated and St. Paul was conducted to his death by his executioners, and Paul said to Peter, 'Peace be with thee, thou the foundation of the church and the shepherd of all the Angels of Christ,' and Peter said to Paul, 'Go thou in peace, thou preacher of the good and the guide of the just.'"

There is much more of interest that could be written, but it would prolong this letter too much and tax the patience of your readers.

Yours very truly,
FRANK G. MICELLI.

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Signed: D. N. Busenbark, C. O. Critcser, Julius Sindt, Aren Swanser, Theo. Anderson, Nels J. Sture, C. E. Quinn, Thos. Scott, Geo. Scott, J. W. Conn.

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NOTICE.

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Signed: E. J. Madison, Geo. D. Madison, F. E. Bullock, Geo. F. Miller, S. Madison, W. A. Peters, Hugh Miller, Margaret Engle, Roy Fisher, A. L. Hutchinson, W. L. Cobb, Walter Fisher, S. A. Mode, J. L. Maupin, B. S. Mode, Chas. Fryer, J. T. Davisson, J. R. Hutchinson, Wm. Rader, Rufus Langdon.

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