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XIII to Rome. Portraits by her are to be found in numerous Italian collections.

Towards the XVII century art, particularly architecture, sculpture and painting assumes a marked tendency to the grandiose and picturesque, sometimes descending to the grotesque and absurd. This period has become known as the "Baroque." Whereas in the Renaissance period buildings still observed a certain calm, harmonious style, they now considerably increase in size, especially horizontally, and assume an opulent appearance. Villas strive for picturesque, scenic effect. Fountains, as separate constructions, acquire an added importance and are characteristic of the period. Churches become luxurious to the point of exuberance. Leaders of the new movement are *Francesco Borromini* of Bissone (1599-1667), so far the greatest artist the Ticino has given the world, and *Lorenzo Bernini* of Naples (1598-1680). At this time it was Rome that made the pace in art. Many were the architects from the "ticinese" regions who worked at Rome at this time, but this evening we have to overlook most of them in order to deal with the three towering above them all: *Domenico Fontana*, *Carlo Maderno* and *Francesco Borromini* just mentioned.

Domenico Fontana, born at Melide on the Lake of Lugano in 1543, went to Rome when he was barely 20 years old. He commenced with stucco, but soon gave it up for architecture and found a protector in the Cardinal Felice Peretti di Montalto, who was later to become Pope Sixtus V. For him Fontana built the Montalto Villa and in the church of S. Maria Maggiore designed a chapel now known as the Sixtine Chapel. Upon Sixtus V. ascending the pontifical throne, Fontana became the papal architect. During this very short pontificate Domenico went through a prodigious amount of work. He revised the plan of the Eternal City and laid down a number of long, straight and wide thoroughfares that remain to this day. The transportation and the erection in St. Peter's Square of the Egyptian obelisk was a particularly difficult task which earned him world renown. Other obelisks he erected before the churches of S. Maria Maggiore, S. Giovanni in Laterano, and in the Piazza del Popolo, this last task with the collaboration of his nephew, *Carlo Maderno*, of whom more presently. Helped by his brother, *Giovanni Fontana*, our Domenico constructed the aqueduct of the "merry water (Acqua Felice)" which at its terminal has a monumental fountain with a huge statue of Moses. The Papal Library and the Vatican were also designed by him. He supervised the construction of the Cupola of St. Peter's, thereby altering slightly Michelangelo's design. Shortly after the death of Sixtus V. Fontana fell in disgrace and repaired Naples. Here he built the Royal Palace, which has since undergone extensive alterations. His son *Giulio Cesare Fontana* supervised the completion of his father's unfinished works, on the latter's death in 1607.

Carlo Maderno, a nephew of *Domenico Fontana*, was born at Capolago at the Southern end of the Lake of Lugano, in the year 1556, and he too started life as a stuccoist, later joining his two uncles at Rome. He assisted *Domenico* in the latter's first big undertakings. He is considered in many quarters as the prototype of the Baroque architects, and his activity was intense. His best known work is the Church of S. Susanna, constructed between 1597 and 1603. His most difficult task was the extension of the central nave of St. Peter's, and the re-making of the façade. His design was picked from amongst those of all the best known architects of his day. The first stone was laid in 1608, and the work had already been completed in 1612. The fine stucco work in the interior of St. Peter's, though designed by *Maderno*, was executed by *Martino Ferabosco* who hailed from the same village and who was himself an architect. The Romans also owe to *Maderno* the princely Palazzo Matteri, a majestic structure, the portal and a chapel of the Quirinale (the present Royal Residence). *Carlo Maderno* was the first architect of the historic Barberini Palace, to which also contributed *Borromini* and *Bernini*. *Maderno* died 1629.

(To be continued.)

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Mariage le 23 nov. : László Urményi de Budapest et Alide Kuyper de Amerfoort (Hollande).

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7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

Dienstag, den 30. November 1937.

3 Uhr nachm. Nähverein im "Foyer Suisse."

TAUFEN.

Am 7. November wurde getauft :

Elvira Rosemary Ritzmann, geb. am 28. 5. 1937; Tochter des Emil von Osterfingen (Schaffhausen) und der Dorothy geb. Clark von London.

Am 21. November: Richard Edward Marc Manfred Bruggisser, geb. am 7.7.1936; Sohn des Anton Martin Ludwig Silvio von Wohlen (Aargau) und der Wally Melanie geb. Pfister.

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