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## FABIOLA Or The Church of the Catacombs, By His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman

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CHAPTER XIV.  
EXTREMES MEET.

"Then I will tell you the truth; I came in here merely for a freak, and I should be glad if you could get me quietly out."

"Corvinus," said the youth, with some sternness, "this is a serious offence. What would your father say if I desired these young men, who would instantly obey, to take you, barefoot clothed as a slave, counterfeiting a cripple, into the Forum before his tribunal, and publicly charge you with what every Roman would resent, forcing your way into the heart of a patrician's house?"

"For the gods' sake, good Pancretius, do not inflict such frightful punishment."

"You know, Corvinus, that your own father would be obliged to act toward you the part of Junius Brutus or forfeit his office."

"I entreat you by all that you love, by all that you hold sacred, not to dishonour me and mine so cruelly. My father and his house, not I, would be crushed and ruined for ever. I will go on my knees and beg your pardon for my former injuries if you will only be merciful."

"Hold, hold, Corvinus, I have told you that was long forgotten. But hear me now. Every one but the blind around you is a witness to this outrage. There will be a hundred evidences to prove it. If ever, then, you speak of this assembly, still more if you attempt to molest any one of it, we shall have it in our power to bring you to trial at your own father's judgment seat. Do you understand me, Corvinus?"

"I do, indeed," replied the captive, in a whining tone. "Never, as long as I live, will I breathe to mortal soul that I came into this dreadful place. I swear it by the—"

"Hush, hush! we want no such oaths here. Take my arm, and walk with me." Then turning to the others, he continued: "I know this person; his coming here is quite a mistake."

The spectators, who had taken the wretch's supplicating gestures and tone for accompaniments to a tale of woe and strong application for relief, joined in crying out, "Pancretius, you will not send him away fasting and unaccused?"

"Leave that to me," was the reply. The self-appointed porters gave way before Pancretius, who led Corvinus, still pretending to limp, into the street, and dismissed him, saying, "Corvinus, we are now quits; only, take care of your promise."

Fulvius, as we have seen, went to try his fortune at the front door. He found it, according to Roman custom, unlocked; and, indeed, no one could have suspected the possibility of a stranger entering at such an hour. Instead of a porter, he found, guarding the door, only a simple-looking girl about twelve or thirteen years of age, clad in a peasant's garment. No one else was near, and he thought it an excellent opportunity to verify the strong suspicion which had crossed his mind. Accordingly, he thus addressed the little portress.

"What is your name, child, and who are you?"

"I am," she replied, "Emerentiana, the Lady Agnes's fostersister."

"Are you a Christian?" he asked her sharply.

The poor little peasant opened her eyes in the amazement of ignorance and replied, "No, sir." It was impossible to resist the evidence of her simplicity, and Fulvius was satisfied that she was mistaken. The fact was that she was the daughter of a peasant who had been Agnes's nurse. The mother had just died, and her kind sister had sent for the orphan daughter, intending to have her instructed and baptized. She had only arrived a day or two before, and was yet totally ignorant of Christianity.

Fulvius stood embarrassed what to do next. Solitude made him feel awkwardly situated as the crowd was making Corvinus. He thought of retreating, but this would have destroyed all his hopes; he was going to advance, when he reflected that he might commit himself unpleasantly. At this critical juncture, whom should he see coming lightly across the court but the youthful mistress of the house, all joy, all spring, all brightness and sunshine. As soon as she saw him she stood, as if to receive his errand, and she approached, with his blandest smile and most courtly gesture, and thus addressed her—

"I have anticipated the usual hour at which visitors come, and, I fear, I must appear an intruder, Lady Agnes; but I was impatient to inscribe myself as a humble client of your noble house."

"Our house," she replied, smiling, "boasts of no clients, nor do we seek them, for we have no pretensions to influence or power."

"Pardon me; with such a ruler it possesses the highest of influences and the mightiest of powers, those which reign without effort over the heart as a most willing subject."

Incapable of imagining that such words could allude to herself she replied, as with artless simplicity—

"Oh, how true are your words! the Lord of this house is indeed the sovereign over the affections of all within it."

"But I," interposed Fulvius, "allude to that softer and benigner dominion, which graceful charms alone can exercise on those who from near behold them."

Agnes looked as one entranced; her eyes beheld a very different image before them from that of her wretched flatterer; and with an impassioned glance towards heaven, she exclaimed—

"Yes, He whose beauty sun and moon in their lofty firmament gaze on and admire, to Him is pledged my service and my love."

Fulvius was confounded and perplexed. The inspired look, the rapturous attitude, the music of the thrilling tones in which she uttered these words, their mysterious import, the strangeness of the whole scene, fastened him to the spot and sealed his lips; till, feeling that he was losing the most favorable opportunity he could ever expect of opening his mind (affection it could not be called) to heart, he boldly said: "It is of you I am speaking; and I entreat you to believe my expression of sincerest admiration of you, and of unbounded attachment to you." As he uttered these words he dropped on his knee, and attempted to take her hand; but the maiden bounded back with a shudder, and turned away her burning countenance.

Fulvius started in an instant to his feet, for he saw Sebastian, who was come to summon Agnes to the poor, impatient of her absence, striding forward towards him, with an air of indignation.

"Sebastian," said Agnes to him, as he approached, "be not angry; this gentleman has probably entered here by some unintentional mistake, and no doubt will quietly retire." Saying this, she withdrew.

"Sebastian, with his calm but energetic manner, now addressed the intruder, who quailed beneath his look: "Fulvius, what do you here? what business has brought you?"

"I suppose," answered he, regaining courage, "that having met the lady of the house at the same place with you, her noble cousin's table; I have a right to wait upon her, in common with other voluntary clients."

"But not at so unreasonable an hour as this, I presume?"

"The hour that is not unreasonable for a young officer," retorted Fulvius insolently, "is not, I trust, so for a civilian."

Sebastian had to use all his power of self-control to check his indignation, as he replied—

"Fulvius, be not rash in what you say; but remember that two persons may be on a very different footing in a house. Yet not even the longest familiarity, still less a one dinner's acquaintance, can authorize or justify the audacity of your bearing towards the young mistress of this house a few moments ago."

"Oh, you are jealous, I suppose, brave captain!" replied Fulvius, with his most refined sarcastic tone. "Report says that you are the acceptable, if not accepted, candidate for Fabiola's hand. She is now in the country; and, no doubt, you wish to make sure for yourself of the fortune of one of the other of Rome's richest heiresses. There is nothing like having two strings to one's bow."

This coarse and bitter sarcasm wounded the noble officer's best feelings to the quick; and had he not long before disciplined himself to Christian meekness, his blood would have proved too powerful for his reason.

"It is not good for either of us, Fulvius, that you remain longer here. The courteous dismissal of the noble lady whom you have insulted has not sufficed; I must be the ruder executor of her command." Saying this, he took the unbidden guest's arm in his powerful grasp, and conducted him to the door. When he had put him outside still holding him fast, he added, "Go now, Fulvius, in peace; and remember that you have this day made yourself amenable to the laws of the state by this unworthy conduct. I will spare

you, if you know how to keep your own counsel; but it is well that you should know that I am acquainted with your occupation in Rome; and that I hold this morning's insolence over your head as a security that you will follow it discreetly. Now, again I say, go in peace."

(To be continued.)

## STAATSVERBAND

Convention Comes to a Close—One of the most successful ever held.

The ninth annual convention of the Catholic Staats Verband of New York took place in this city last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning the Hon. James G. Cutler welcomed the delegates then assembled in St. Joseph's hall on Franklin St. After the welcoming ceremonies were over, escorted by the first regiment of the Knights of St. John and the different Catholic societies of Rochester, the delegates marched to St. Michael's church on Clinton Ave. N. Here the Very Rev. C. H. Colton, bishop of Buffalo, celebrated pontifical high mass. Addresses were made by Bishop E. J. McQuaid of Rochester, and Rev. Alexander von Ascheberg of Buffalo.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon the first business session of the convention took place in St. Joseph's hall where all the sessions of the convention were held.

On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock a mass meeting was held in the Lyceum Theatre. Rev. H. J. Maelckel, S. J. of Buffalo, Alphonse G. Koebler of New York, Rev. A. L. Haber of Perkinsville, and Thomas B. Minahan of New York addressed the meeting.

On Monday morning at half past eight o'clock a solemn requiem mass was offered up in St. Joseph's church for the repose of the deceased members of the organization. Rev. Alexander von Ascheberg was celebrant assisted by Rev. A. Thummel, C. S. S. R. of Buffalo, as deacon, and Rev. Wm. Kessel, C. S. S. R. of Rochester, as sub-deacon.

At half past nine o'clock the business session of the convention was called to order by President Mielloch. The annual reports of the different officers were then presented. Telegrams from prelates of the church and prominent laymen extending their good wishes were read.

The report of the treasurer showed the organization to be in good financial condition. At the afternoon session the Rev. George Weber of Buffalo, addressed the convention regarding the establishment of a Catholic daily paper in the city of Buffalo. New York city was then unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting and the date for the convention was set as May 28, 29, 30, 1905. The committee on resolutions then presented a series of resolutions expressing the will of the convention on the school question, socialism, our duties to our eastern possessions, public libraries and the rights of capital and labor. After some little debate these resolutions were adopted.

The next business to come before the convention was the election of new officers. Here the delegates were almost unanimous in their choice. Joseph Mielloch of New York was elected president for the fourth term. Joseph F. Ribstein of Rochester, was unanimously elected first vice president. The other officers and members of committees then elected, are: John Hofmayer of Buffalo, second vice president, Nicholas Peters of Syracuse, third vice president; Charles Mauer of New York, rec. secy.; Edmund Seiz of New York, fin. secretary; Virgil J. Eesel of Utica, treasurer.

Members of the legislative committee: Joseph B. Nellbach of Utica, Wm. Jansen of Buffalo, Jos. Kretschman of Albany.

Members of press committee: Jos. Schifferli of Buffalo, Jos. Schneider of Rochester, A. J. Werdein of Buffalo.

Delegates to the convention of the Central Verein to be held at St. Louis in September: Rev. Wm. Kessel of Rochester, Peter Geiss of Brooklyn, Rev. Alph. Herschall of Albany, Rev. J. Reek of New York, V. J. Riedman of Brooklyn.

Delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies to be held in the month of August at Detroit: Rev. H. Maelckel of Buffalo, Rev. M. Hargrath of Rochester, Joseph B. Frey of New York, John Hofmayer of Buffalo, Rev. J. Nageleson of New York, Theodore Eich of Brooklyn, Alphonse Koebler of New York, J. M. Wolfert of Rochester; Alphonse J. Groh of Rochester, Geo. Weider of Rochester, Rev. A. Lersch of Albany, Anthony Young of Buffalo, P. F. Lebknecher of College Point

Auton Granel of Brooklyn. Vice president for each city having more than three societies: Simon Arens for Buffalo, Peter Hoemghausen for Brooklyn, Casper Neidhofer for Syracuse, John Oberlies for Utica, Lawrence Gute for New York, George Weider for Rochester, Michael Beck for Albany.

Resolutions were then passed thanking all who contributed in any way to the success of the convention. Especially were mentioned Bishop McQuaid, Rev. Wm. Kessel, Rev. M. Hargrath, Mayor Cutler and Joseph Ribstein. The members of the press were thanked for their liberal treatment. The members of the C. Y. M. A. of St. Joseph's church were also officially informed that the courtesies extended by them to the visiting delegates was appreciated. After singing "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" the convention adjourned.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the delegates were tendered a reception and banquet. At the banquet Rev. M. J. Hargrath officiated as toastmaster. The following gentlemen responded to toasts: Joseph Mielloch of Brooklyn, Rev. F. H. Sinclair, D. D., Rev. J. P. Schellhorn, Rev. G. W. Eekl, Rev. L. G. Hofschneider, Jos. A. Schneider, Rev. Joe. Netzel, all of Rochester, and Alphonse G. Koebler of New York city. The delegates spent Tuesday visiting the places of interest in the city and the vicinity.

## In Memorium.

At a regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., Rochester, N. Y., held May 28, 1904, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to call to His eternal home, our brother, Patrick F. Buckley, and while we bow in humble submission to the divine will of God.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Buckley this Division mourns the loss of a pleasant, genial member, and that we tender to his family our most sincere sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That as a token of respect for the deceased our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, that another copy be sent to the bereaved family and that a copy be inserted in the Catholic Journal.

Committee: T. P. Loughney, J. P. Hayden, M. Dunne.

To the memory of Sadie Doud Long who died, May 17th, 1904.

Farewell beloved Sadie,  
Though the words are hard to say,  
From our midst our Saviour called thee  
To His home so far away.

Farewell thou dear departed,  
Thy spirit bright hath flown,  
Through the golden gate of heaven,  
Where sorrow is unknown.

When spring time seemed the fairest,  
In the month of lovely May,  
Bright angels came from heaven  
And took thee far away.

Gone from this world of sorrow,  
Sleeping thy last long sleep,  
Robed in thy snowy bridal gown,  
Thou hast left us here to weep.

Our hearts are sad in deaths cold embrace  
Lies one we loved so dear,  
And o'er her cold and silent form,  
The holy angels hover near.

Singing soft and low a requiem  
Of the soul that once was there,  
But now that lies eternal,  
In Gods home above so fair.

Farewell thou dear departed  
Our hearts are filled with grief,  
To know that one so dear to us,  
Should have a life so brief.

The birds will sing above her grave  
And faint flowers will bloom,  
And soft breezes sigh a requiem,  
Where she rests beneath the tomb.

A few short years to mourn,  
Just a little while to wait,  
And we shall meet our darling  
Within the golden gate.

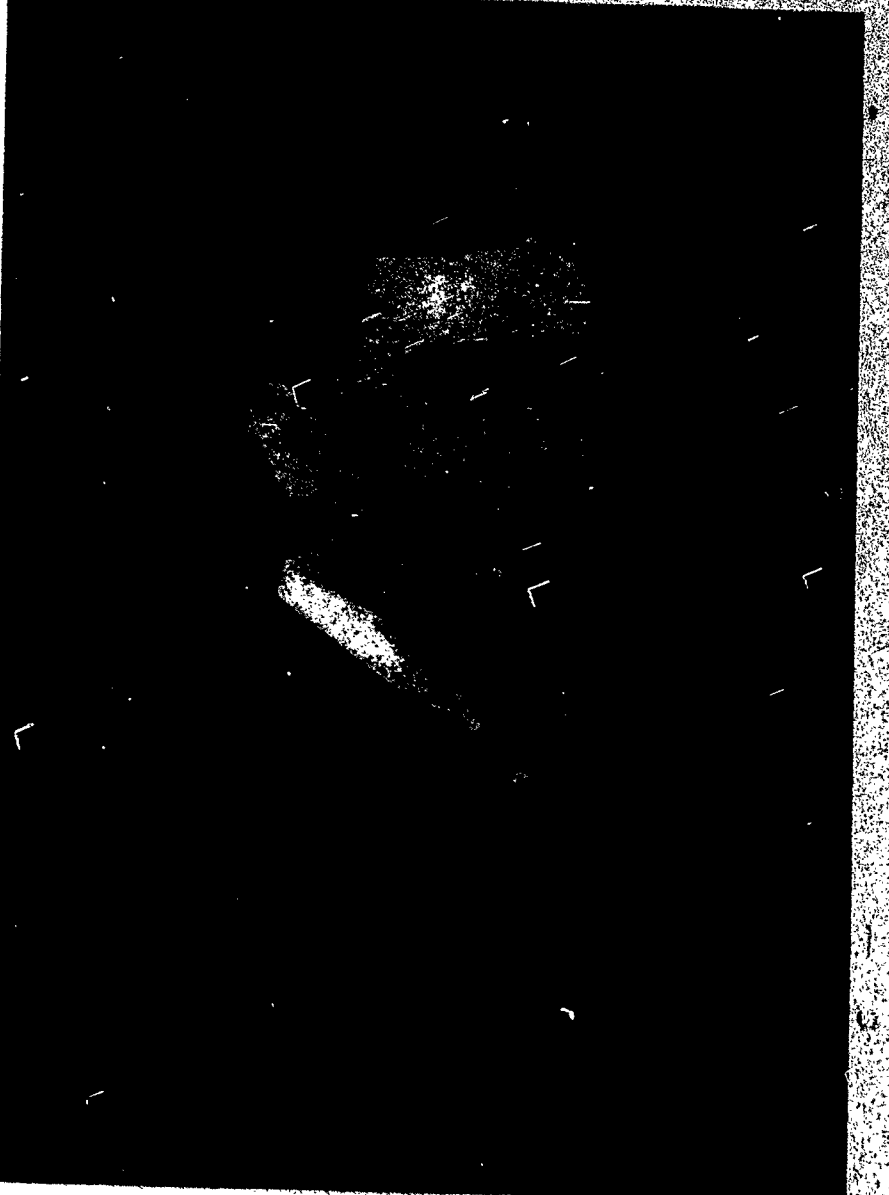
Once more to be united  
With the one we loved the best,  
In mansions of eternal bliss,  
Our weary hearts at rest.

M. C. W.

The New York Central offer three splendid fast trains daily from Rochester to St. Louis as follows: Lv. at 2:05 a.m. arrive St. Louis 9:45 same evening. Lv. at 9:45 p. m. arrive at 6:45 p. m. next evening. Lv. at 11:43 a.m. arrive at St. Louis 7:30 following morning. Fifteen day excursion tickets to the World's Fair are sold at one way rate plus \$2 for the round trip or \$22.25. Tickets with a return limit of sixty days are sold for \$27. The rate via West Shore for fifteen day tickets is \$20.25 while the sixty day ticket is \$24.35. sixty day tickets are good returning via Chicago and allow stop over of ten days on payment of one dollar and deposit of ticket with the joint agent.

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## IN THE PUBLIC EYE



VICTOR J. DOWLING.

Victor J. Dowling is one of the leaders in Catholic movement and thought in the metropolis. He is also one of the leaders in the state senate at Albany, a district deputy and master of the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus and one of the leading figures in the New York bar.

Tall, ruddy of cheek, well-proportioned, smoothly shaven, intellectual in appearance, Victor Dowling is a man who compels attention and his acquaintance formed, his intellectual attainments and brilliant conversational powers compel admiration.

The subject of our sketch was born in New York city in 1866 and was educated at St. Peter's school, De La Salle institute and Manhattan college. He received the degree of A. B. from the latter institution when but 16 years of age, being not only the youngest graduate of his time but capturing the Devlin prize for classics. His legal studies were made in Judge Fitzgerald's office and in the University of New York. From the latter institution he carried off the first prizes for oral and written examinations. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar and now has a large and lucrative practice.

Senator Dowling was prominent in the Catholic Benevolent Legion in the eighties and served as state secretary, supreme delegate and state president. He entered Tammany Hall when 21 years old and was sent to the New York state assembly in 1893. In 1900 he was elected to the state senate from the eighteenth district and was re-elected in 1902. During his career in the senate Mr. Dowling passed the employers liability bill and other legislation in the interests of labor and the famous Jerome-Canfield gambling bill of 1904.

It is reported that Senator Dowling will not return to Albany but will be elevated to the Supreme court. If that be true the legislature will lose a zealous, courageous and incorruptible member while the bench will gain a Christian gentleman of spotless integrity.

### Knights of Columbus.

Newark, May 31.—Newark council, 897, Knight of Columbus, was instituted a new council in this village yesterday, under the direction of Edward S. Gurry of Rochester, district deputy of the 27th district of New York.

The first degree was in charge of Medina council, the second in charge of Rochester council, and the third in charge of District Deputy Gurry, assisted by District Deputy Frohe and Charles R. Barnes of Rochester council. The degree music was furnished by a Rochester council degree corps. The officers of the new council are: Grand knight, Walter Martin; deputy grand knight, Thomas F. O'Hara; chancellor, Dr. N. McDonald; treasurer, Thomas W. Martin; financial secretary, Michael Meekill; recording secretary, J. C. Snyder; lecturer, Jas. D. Downs; warden, Martin E. Quigley; advocate, John E. Denning; inside guard, James M. Murphy; outside guard, Jerry Quirk; guards, J. Grievies and William Brown; trustees, Edward Walsh, Thomas Wade and Benjamin Fanning.

Last evening at 6 o'clock the Newark council gave a banquet in the Sherman Opera House at which a local orchestra furnished music. Dr. Nicholas L. McDonald was toastmaster and addresses were made by the following: Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna of Rochester, on "Christian Knights;" W. B. Murphy of Medina, "Decoration Day;" Hon. James M. E. O'Grady, of Rochester, "Knights of Columbus;" Dr. J. Conway, of Auburn, "Advice to New Members;" Charles B. Ernst, of Rochester, "The Ladies."

### A New Booklet.

The Catholic Truth Society has issued a very timely five cent booklet on "Devotion to the Sacred Heart" for the month of June. The author is Rev. Robert Carberry, S. J. The nature, end, practice and history of the devotion are explained in beautiful style. The most popular prayers to the Sacred Heart, from approved sources, are added. The booklet consists of forty-eight pages. It is most suitable for distribution during the month of the Sacred Heart. Copies may be had from the Catholic Truth Society of San Francisco or from the International Truth Society, Arbuttle Bldg., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Catholic Base-Ball League.

The following is the schedule for the season—

St. Mary—Holy Rosary, June 1, 25, 13, August 6, 24; Immaculate Conception, June 11, 29, July 28, August 10, September 8; Holy Apostles, June 15, July 9, 27, August 20, September 7.

Holy Rosary—St. Mary, June 1, 25, July 13, August 6, 24; Immaculate Conception, June 18, July 6, 30; August 17, September 10; Holy Apostles, June 8, July 2, 20, August 13, 31.

Immaculate Conception—St. Mary, June 11, 29; July 23, August 10; September 8; Holy Rosary, June 18, July 6, 30, August 17, September 10; Holy Apostles, June 8, July 2, 20, August 13, 31; Immaculate Conception, June 4, 22, July 16, August 27.