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## FABIOLA

Or The Church of the Catacombs.

By His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman.

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Part Second.

(Continued from last week.)

### CHAPTER XVIII

#### RETRIBUTION.

"Then I am her murderer," he exclaimed, with a hollow moan; and staggering forward to the holy bishop's feet, fell prostrate before him. It was some time before his feelings could find vent in words; when these came, they were the ones he had resolved to utter—

"Father, I have sinned before heaven, and against Thee, and am not worthy to be called Thy child."

The Pontiff raised him up kindly, and pressed him to his bosom, saying, "Welcome back, my son, whoever thou art, to thy Father's house. But thou art weak and faint, and needest rest."

Some refreshment was immediately procured. But Torquatus would not rest till he had publicly avowed the whole of his guilt, including the day's crimes: for it was still the evening of the same day. All rejoiced at the prodigal's return at the lost sheep's recovery. Agnes looked up to heaven from her last affectionate glance on the blind virgin's shroud, and thought that she could almost see her seated at the feet of her spouse, smiling, with her eyes wide open, as she cast down a handful of flowers on the head of the penitent, the first fruits of her intercession in heaven.

Diogenes and his sons took charge of him. An humble lodging was procured for him in a Christian cottage near, that he might not be within the reach of temptation or of vengeance, and he was enrolled in the class of penitents: where years of expiation, shortened by the intercession of confessors—that is, future martyrs—would prepare him for full re-admission to the privileges he had forfeited.

### CHAPTER XIX

#### TWOFOLD REVENGE

Sebastian's visit to the cemetery had been not merely to take thither for sepulture the relics of the first martyr, but also to consult with Marcellinus about his safety. His life was too valuable to the Church to be sacrificed so early; and Sebastian knew how eagerly it was sought. Torquatus now confirmed this, by communicating Fulvius's designs, and the motive of his attendance at the December ordination. The usual papal residence was no longer safe; and a bold idea had been adopted by the courageous soldier,—the "Protector of the Christians," and his Acts tell us he had been authoritatively called. It was to lodge the Pontiff where no one could suspect him to be, and where no search would be dreamt of, in the very palace of the Caesars. Efficiently disguised, the holy bishop left the cemetery, and, escorted by Sebastian and Quadratus, was safely housed in the apartments of Irene, a Christian lady of rank, who lived in a remote part of the Palatine, in which her husband held a household office.

Early next morning Sebastian was with Paneratius. "My dear boy," he said, "you must leave Rome instantly, and go into Campania. I have horses ready for you and Quadratus; and there is no time to be lost."

"And why, Sebastian?" replied the youth, with sorrowful face and tearful eyes. "Have I done something wrong or are you doubtful of my fortitude?"

"Neither, I assure you. But you have promised to be guided by me in all things; and I never considered your obedience more necessary than now."

"Tell me why, good Sebastian, I pray."

"It must be a secret as yet."

"What, another secret?"

"Call it the same, to be revealed at the same time. But I can tell you what I want you to do, and that I think will satisfy you. Corvinus has got orders to seize on Chromatius and all his community, yet young in the faith, as the wretched example of Torquatus has shown us; and, what is worse, to put your old master Cassianus at Fandi to a cruel death. I want you to hasten before his messenger (perhaps he may go himself), and put them on their guard."

Paneratius looked up brightly again; he saw that Sebastian trusted him. "Your wish is enough reason for me," said he, smiling; "but I would

go to the world's end to save my good Cassianus or any other fellow-Christians."

He was soon ready, took an affectionate leave of his mother; and before Rome had fully shaken off sleep, he and Quadratus, each with well-furnished saddle bags on their powerful steeds, were trotting across the campagna of Rome, to reach the less frequented and safer track on the Latin way.

Corvinus having resolved to keep the hostile expedition in his own hands, as honourable, lucrative, and pleasant, it was delayed a couple of days, both that he might feel more comfortable about his shoulders, and that he might make proper preparations. He had a chariot hired, and engaged a body of Numidian runners, who could keep up with a carriage at full speed. But he was thus two days behind our Christians, though he, of course, travelled by the shorter and more beaten Appian road.

When Paneratius arrived at the Villa of Statues, he found the little community already excited by the rumours which had reached it of the Edict's publication. He was welcomed most warmly by all; and Sebastian's letter of advice was received with deep respect. Prayer and deliberation succeeded its perusal, and various resolutions were taken. Marcus and Marcellinus, with their father Tranquillinus, had already gone to Rome for the ordination. Nicotratius, Zos, and others followed them now. Chromatius, who was not destined for the crown of martyrdom, though commemorated by the Church, with his son on the 11th of August, found shelter for a time in Fabiola's villa, for which letters had been procured from its mistress, without her knowing the reason why; for he wished to remain in the neighbourhood a little while longer. In fine, the villa ad Status was left in charge of a few faithful servants, fully to be depended upon.

When the two messengers had given themselves and their horses a good rest, they travelled, by the same road as Torquatus had lately trodden, to Fandi, where they put up at an obscure inn out of the town, on the Roman road. Paneratius soon found out his old master, who embraced him most affectionately. He told him his errand and entreated him to fly, or at least conceal himself.

"No," said the good man, "it must not be. I am already old, and I am weary of my unprofitable profession. I and my servant are the only two Christians in the town. The best families have, indeed, sent their children to my school, because they knew it would be kept as moral as paganism will permit; but I have not a friend among my scholars, by reason of this very strictness. And they want even the natural refinement of the Roman heathens. They are rude provincials and I believe there are some among the elder ones who would not scruple to take my life if they could do so with impunity."

"What a wretched existence indeed, Cassianus, you must be leading! Have you made no impression on them?"

Little or none, dear Paneratius. And how can I, while I am obliged to make them read those dangerous books, full of fables, which Roman and Greek literature contain? No, I have done little by my words; perhaps my death may do more for them."

Paneratius found all expostulation vain, and would have almost joined him in his resolution to die, only he had promised Sebastian not to expose his life during the journey. He, however, determined to remain about the town till he saw the end.

Corvinus arrived with his men at the villa of Chromatius, and early in the morning, rushed suddenly through the gates, and to the house. He found it empty. He searched it through and through, but discovered neither a person, a book, nor a symbol of Christianity. He was confounded and annoyed. He looked about, and having found a servant working in the garden, asked him where his master was.

"Master no tell slaves where he go," was the reply, in a latinity corresponding to such a rude phraseology.

"You are trifling with me. Which way did he and his companions go?"

"Through yonder gate."

"And then?"

"Look that way," answered the servant. "You see gate? very well, you see no more. Me work here, me see gate, me see no more."

"When did they go? at least you can answer that."

"After the two come from Rome."

"What two? Always two, it seems."

[To be continued.]

## WASHINGTON LETTER

Catholic Church Champion of the Downtrodden.

(Special to The Journal)

Rev. A. P. Doyle, rector of the Apostolic Mission House at the Catholic University of America, last Sunday closed the mission, which had been in progress for the past two weeks at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. He preached an eloquent sermon at the high mass on missionary work in the church.

Speaking of the Catholic Church as the champion of the downtrodden, Rev. Father Doyle said: "Where the grind of daily life is a contention against poverty, vice, and degradation, some angel visitant from the other world must come to comfort and console. America has had among its striking traits the eager grasping for wealth, and in the attainment of this end as the huge throng rushes on, many are crushed, still others are cast by the wayside, and others are brought into life for whom existence is but a damning fate."

#### PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

"Thinking men say that there are tremendous problems for us to solve if we would preserve ourselves a great nation, and not the least of these are the problems created by the grasping avarice of wealth. The Catholic church has been pre-eminently the church of the plain people of the land. In the teeming cities it has placed its strong holds, and its cooing, restraining, uplifting, and spiritualizing power over the masses of our population is a marvelous civilizing force."

"Every Catholic pulpit is a battery belching forth hot shot against anarchy, insubordination and lawlessness. Every Catholic church is a most powerful agency inculcating reverence for authority and obedience for law."

"No one who has seen the manner in which the Catholic church has identified itself with the cause of struggling and suffering humanity can doubt that it has been and ever will be a saving factor in our American life."

#### AMERICA A MIGHTY FIELD

"The Catholic church is destined to secure a marvelous expansion in this country by attracting the intellectual and spiritual life of the country to her teaching and her policies. She is perfectly at home in the free air of American liberty. She stands for all that is highest and best in our American life, and against all those degrading elements that would drag down the sweet seriousness of upright living and make it a dangerous and blatant vulgarity."

E. L. Scharf, Ph. D.

## Five Minute Sermon

### John's Mission and Preaching.

Isaiah, in foretelling that the valleys would be filled up, the mountains made low, and the crooked ways straight, announced that the grace of God would remove all obstacles that make our salvation difficult; that by means of grace the weak and lowly would be filled with heavenly strength; that the proud would be humbled; that the erring would return to the straight path; that our affections would be regulated and our passions overcome. The history and annals of the church show that this prophecy has been fulfilled.

We are to learn from all this that we should be, strengthened in our holy faith by considering that everything regarding it had been prepared, foretold, and completed by the wisdom, power and goodness of God. We should also learn from the words of St. John that the only means of participating in the graces of the nativity of Our Lord is to do sincere penance for sins committed, reform our ways, and return to God with all the affections of our heart.

#### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday December 18—Gospel, St. Luke, III, 1-16—Expectation of Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Monday 19—St. Nemestian, martyr.  
Tuesday 20—St. Christian, bishop.  
Wednesday 21—St. Thomas, apostle.  
Thursday 22—St. Zeno, martyr.  
Friday 23—St. Victoria, virgin and martyr.  
Saturday 24—SS. Thrasilla & Emilliana Fast.

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## RELIGIOUS CELEBRATION AT NAZARETH CONVENT.

The ceremonies held at Nazareth Convent on Thursday last, in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, were highly impressive. The event formed one more link in the world embracing chain that united all Catholic hearts in doing honor to Mary Immaculate, on the occasion of the golden jubilee. The day also marked the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Sisters of St. Joseph in what is now the Rochester diocese.

The celebration, entirely religious in character, began with a solemn high mass in the convent chapel, Rev. Father O'Brien officiating as celebrant, Rev. Mr. McDonald and Rev. Mr. Page, both of St. Bernard's seminary, acting as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the entire student body of Nazareth Academy, together with the Sisters assembled in the chapel, where Very Rev. F. F. Hickey, assisted by Rev. E. Gaffell, Rev. J. O'Brien and Rev. J. O'Hern, officiated at the services. The first feature was the blessing of a rich and elegant banner for the society of the Children of Mary, connected with the academy. Then followed the reception into the society of five young ladies, Catherine Slattery of Lima, Julia Kelly of Canandaigua, Eleanor Kelly of Greece, Leona Kress and Lilian Cook, both of this city.

The pupils then formed ranks for the procession, which moved around the chapel while a litany, prepared for the occasion, was chanted. The procession leaving the chapel, began a pilgrimage to the beautifully constructed and decorated shrines in different parts of the convent. At each shrine prayers were offered and hymns to Our Lady were sung.

On their return to the chapel, Fr. Hickey delivered a strong and touching sermon appropriate for the occasion. The ceremonies closed with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The ceremonies, deeply devotional in their nature, furnished a fitting celebration in harmony with the spirit of the church in proclaiming the golden jubilee.

#### The Cheapness of Life.

The loss of the Federal Army of Cumberland in the battles of Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, as given by Oist, was 324 killed and 3,883 wounded. So much for war in the sacrificial spirit.

In the year 1889, which is the first year of systematic accident tabulation, 5,823 men, women and children were crushed, torn, mangled or burned to death on the line of American railroads, and 36,809 others were injured in the same disasters. So much for peace, public indifference and the railroad accident fifteen years ago.

Having thus made sure our footing in the later eighties, let us come in one broad step to the present; this while we have the war tables before us. Our historian, Oist, asserts that all things considered, the two days' fighting at Chickasawga stands unsurpassed as the hardest fought and bloodiest battle of the civil war. The Federal killed in this battle numbered 1,687, and the roster of the wounded falls but a few names short of 10,000.

But in the unbelittling year ending June 30, 1902, the aggregate number of persons killed in railroad accidents was 8,588, and during the same period 64,631 persons were injured.—Reader Magazine.

#### Quakerism Increasing.

Quakerism is increasing in membership. The Sunday Strand remarks: "The inevitable reaction from extreme ecclesiastical ritualism and organization throws the worshipper back on an ultra simplicity. The intensity and demonstration of modern life render more attractive the Quaker habit of solitariness. The tendency which we observe increasingly in all churches to concentrate religious faith and fervor on social work is in favor of a people whose philanthropic zeal has ever been a distinguished feature. And as the world gets older it loses faith in controversy, as it thinks more it talks less, and this tendency may recruit the disciples of silence."

#### The Stone of Palestine.

Jerome Hart writes: "In Jaffa and Jerusalem, as in Malta, everything is of stone. Even the very cisterns or tanks on the house-tops are of stone. But in those story cities the stone does not stop with the street level—the dwellers descend and burrow into the earth beneath. In many of the Jerusalem and Bethlehem buildings there are basements, sub-basements, crypts, sub-crypts and dungeons. One may descend several stories into the bowels of the earth, amid the dampness and slime, where ooze trickles on the stone steps."

## Bishop McQuaid 81 Years Old.

Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, bishop of the diocese of Rochester, was 81 years of age Thursday. He passed the day quietly as is his custom. Bishop McQuaid was born in New York December 15, 1823, and was made bishop July 19, 1868.

#### St. Mary's Hospital.

Patients in hospital Nov. 1, 101; admitted during Nov., 105; births, 5; died, 9; discharged, 82; remaining Dec. 1, 120. No pay patients, 85; private, 32; city, county and town, 19; ward pay, 34. Total number ambulances called, 79; hurry calls, 22; cases transferred to St. Mary's hospital, 60; to homes and stations, 14; other hospitals, 1; not taken nor cared for, 4.

#### Candidates for the Christian Brothers.

For the convenience of candidates to the order of Christian Brothers and others who are considering about entering the religious life, the Christian Brothers have recently prepared an illustrated prospectus of their society, which gives a full account of what is required for membership. Among the topics treated are: nature and variety of the work conducted by the society; who are eligible to membership; qualifications for admission; no endowment required; reception of new members. A copy of the prospectus will be sent to those desiring to become members. Address, Brother Alfred, Colvert Hall College, Baltimore, Md.

#### Knights of Columbus.

At the last regular meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 16th, Rochester Council, No. 178, conferred the first degree on fifteen members.

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#### Personal.

A regular meeting of the Yezzo Girls Club was held at the home of Miss Edith Hendrickson, Fulton Ave., Tuesday evening. The election of officers took place, Miss Hendrickson being elected president, Miss Belle Newell, treasurer; Miss Marcelene Smith, secretary. Refreshments were served.

## Where to Save Money in the Purchase of Groceries.

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#### Girl Babies Running Short.

So the Census Bureau regrets. Well there's plenty of Langie's "gilt-edge" coal left in the mine. Central office, Triangle building; phones 930.

#### The Most Durable Shoes

for the money are Schreiner's hand-made shoes for \$2.50. Corner South avenue and Gregory street.

## Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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## CITY PARISH NEWS

### ST. BRIDGET'S

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The Rosary society will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. At this is the last meeting of the year all the members are requested to attend.

The school collection will be taken up at each of the masses to-morrow, Sunday.

The choir are preparing some special music for Christmas. The program will be announced next week.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

The fair for the benefit of the new church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was opened Thursday night under the auspices of the Knights of St. John, in the new building on Joseph avenue. Rev. M. J. Hargather of St. Michael's parish, made the formal opening address.

The fair is being held for the purpose of raising the church debt and Rev. J. P. Schellhorn, the rector, is confident that if the attendance throughout the week keeps up to the standard already established the desired result will be accomplished. It is the hope of the congregation to have the church ready for use early in February.

All the booths are decorated effectively, which adds to the general attractiveness of the affair.

The fair will be continued every night, Sunday excepted, until next Thursday, when the results of the various contests among members of the church will be announced and all unsold articles disposed of.

### COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Henry E. Dixey is the chief attraction announced for next week at Cook Opera House. Dixey is probably one of the best known figures on the American stage. His present vehicle is "David Garrick on the Art of Acting." "Pawitt" is an enormous face, seven feet high, that talks, sings, and answers questions. The Mouliere sisters are down for a performance of horizontal bars. Piccolo midgets, Miss Chester and her statue dog, Carlitos, McDonald and Huntington, and the kinetograph will fill out the bill, which will be presented twice daily.

### NATIONAL THEATRE.

The attraction announced at the National Theatre the first half of next week is Dan McAvoy in a bright new comedy with music, entitled "His Honor, the Mayor of the Bowery." In the support of this well known and popular comedian are thirty-five people, including the all American Tony Ballet, sixteen in number, and all young women of exceptional talent and unusual beauty. The play tells a story of New York life as portrayed on the east side, and has many characters that are taken from life.

### BAKER THEATRE.

Arthur J. Lamb's thrilling melodrama, "Queen of the White Slave," will be the attraction at the Baker Theatre's next Monday; Tuesday and Wednesday with matinees on Monday and Wednesday. The story of the play deals with the abduction of a beautiful girl by a band known as the "Terrible Nine."

"Why Women Sin" will be the attraction at the Baker Theatre the last three days of next week. It is described as a strong drama, full of touching heart interest, true to life situations and pictures of human life, startling their reality.

\$1.65 Syracuse and return via New York Central on Monday, Dec. 26th, tickets good going on all morning trains and returning on afternoon and evening trains.

\$1.25 Buffalo and Niagara Falls and return via New York Central on Monday, Dec. 26, tickets good on all morning trains and returning on afternoon and evening trains up to 9 p.m.

Ten dollar excursion to Boston and New England points, including Greenfield, Gardner, Fitchburg and Ayer on Friday, Dec. 23rd, via West Shore Railroad, tickets good to return on or before Monday, Jan. 2nd. For further particulars call on West Shore ticket agents or address city ticket office, No. 20 State street.

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