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

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(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER XIX

TWOFOLD REVENGE

"One good youth, very handsome, sing so sweet. The other very big, very strong, oh, very. See that young tree pulled up by the roots? He do that as me pull my spade out of the ground."

"The very two," exclaimed Corvinus enraged. "Again that dastardly boy has marred my plans and destroyed my hopes. He shall suffer well for it."

As soon as he was a little rested he resumed his journey, and determined to vent all his fury on his old master, unless, indeed, he whom he considered his evil genius should have been there before him. He was engaged during his journey in plotting vengeance upon master and fellow-student, and he was delighted to find that one at least was at Fundi when he arrived. He showed the governor his order for the arrest and punishment of Cassianus as a most dangerous Christian; but that officer, a humane man, remarked that the commission superseded ordinary jurisdiction in the matter, and gave Corvinus full power to act. He offered him the assistance of an executioner and other requisites, but they were declined. Corvinus had brought an abundant supply of strength and cruelty in his own body-guard. He took, however, a public officer with him.

He proceeded to the school house when filled with scholars, shut the doors, and reproached Cassianus, who advanced with open hand and countenance to greet him, as a conspirator against the state and a perfidious Christian. A shout arose from the boyish mob, and by its tone, and by the look which he cast around, Corvinus learnt there were many present like himself—young bears' cubs with full-grown hyenas' hearts within them.

"Boys!" he shouted out, "do you love your master Cassianus? He was once mine too, and I owe him many a grudge."

A yell of execration broke out from the benches.

"Then I have good news for you; here is permission from the divine Emperor Maximian, for you to do what you like to him."

A shower of books, writing tablets, and other school missiles was directed against the master, who stood unmoved with his arms folded, before his persecutor. Then came a rush from all sides, with menacing attitudes of a brutal onslaught.

"Stop, stop," cried out Corvinus, "we must go more systematically to work than this."

He had reverted in thought to the recollection to his own sweet school-boy days; that time which most look back on from hearts teeming with softer feelings, than the contemplation of present things can suggest. He indulged in the reminiscence of that early season in which others find but the picture of selfish, joyous, happy hours; and he sought in the recollection what would most have gratified him then, that he might bestow it as a boon on the hopeful youths around him. But he could think of nothing that would have been such a treat to him, as to pay back to his master every stroke of correction, and write in blood upon him every word of reproach, that he had received. Delightful thought, now to be fulfilled!

It is far from our intention to harrow the feelings of our gentle readers by descriptions of the cruel and fiendish torments inflicted by the heathen persecutors on our Christian forefathers. Few are more horrible, yet few better authenticated, than the torture practised on the martyr Cassianus. Placed, bound, in the midst of his ferocious young tigers, he was left to be the lingering victim of their feeble cruelty. Some, as the Christian poet Prudentius tells us, cut their tasks upon him with steel points, used in engraving writing on wax-covered tablets; others exercised the ingenuity of a precocious brutality, by inflicting every possible torment on his lacerated body. Loss of blood and acute pain at length exhausted him; and he fell on the floor, without power to rise. A shout of exultation followed, new insults were inflicted, and the troop of

youthful demons broke loose, to tell the story of their sport at their respective homes. To give Christians decent burial never entered the minds of their persecutors; and Corvinus, who had glutted his eyes with the spectacle of his vengeance, and had urged on the first efforts at cruelty of his ready instruments, left the expiring man where he lay, to die, unnoticed. His faithful servant, however, raised him up, and laid him on his bed, and sent a token, as he had preconcerted, to Pancratius, who was soon at his side, while his companion looked after preparations for their departure. The youth was horrified at what he beheld and at the recital of his old master's exquisite torture, as he was edited by the account of his patience. For not a word of reproach had escaped him, and prayer alone had occupied his thoughts and tongue.

Cassianus recognized his dear pupil, smiled upon him, pressed his hand in his own, but could not speak. After lingering till morning, he placidly expired. The last rites of Christian sepulture were modestly paid to him on the spot, for the house was his; and Pancratius hurried from the scene, with a heavy heart and a no slight rising of his indignation, against the heartless savage who had devised and witnessed, without remorse, such a tragedy.

He was mistaken, however. No sooner was his revenge fulfilled than Corvinus felt all the disgrace and shame of what he had done; he feared it should be known to his father, who had always esteemed Cassianus; he feared the anger of the parents, whose children he had that day effectually demoralized, and fleshed to little less than parricide. He ordered his horses to be harnessed, but was told they must have some more hours' rest. This increased his displeasure; remorse tormented him, and he sat down to drink, and so down care and passion. At length he started on his journey, and after bailing for an hour or two, pushed on through the night. The road was heavy from continued rain, and ran along the side of the great canal which drains the Pontine marshes, and between two rows of trees.

Corvinus had drunk again at his halt, and was heated with wine, vexation, and remorse. The dragging pace of his jaded steeds provoked him, and he kept lashing them furiously on. While they were thus excited, they heard the tramp of horses coming fast on behind, and dashed forward at an uncontrollable speed. The attendants were soon left at a distance, and the frightened horses passed between the trees on to the narrow path by the canal, and galloped forward, rocking the chariot from side to side at a reckless rate. The horsemen behind hearing the violent rush of hoofs and wheels, and the shout of the followers, clapped spurs to their horses, and pushed gallantly forward. They had passed the runners some way, when they heard a crash and a plunge. The wheel had struck the trunk of a tree, the chariot had turned over, and its half-drunken drunken driver had been tossed head over heels into the water. In a moment Pancratius was off his horse and by the side of the canal, together with his companion.

By the faint light of the rising moon, and by the sound of his voice, the youth recognized Corvinus struggling in the muddy stream. The side was not deep, but the high clayey bank was wet and slimy, and every time he attempted to climb it his foot slipped, and he fell back into the deep water in the middle. He was, in fact, already becoming benumbed and exhausted by his wintry bath.

"It would serve him right to leave him there," muttered the rough centurion.

"Hush, Quadratus! how can you say so? give me hold of your hand. So," said the youth, leaning over the bank, and seizing his enemy by his arm, just as he was relaxing his hold on a withered shrub, and falling back fainting into the stream. It would have been his last plunge. They pulled him out and laid him on the road, a pitiable figure for his greatest foe. They chafed his temples and hands; and he had begun to revive, when his attendants came up. To their care they consigned him, together with his purse, which had fallen from his belt as they drew him from the canal. But Pancratius took possession of his own pen-knife, which dropped out with it, and which Corvinus carried about him as evidence to convict him of having cut down the Edict. The servants pretended to Corvinus, when he had regained consciousness, that they had drawn him out of the water, but that his purse must have been lost in it, and lay still buried in the deep mud. They

bore him to a neighboring cottage, while the carriage was being repaired, and had a good carouse with his money while he slept.

Two acts of revenge had been thus accomplished in one day—the pagan and the Christian.

[To be continued.]

WASHINGTON LETTER

The New Philippine Bill Before the Senate.

[Special to The Journal.]

The Philippine Government Bill which passed the House April 14, is now before the Senate. The original bill was introduced by Senator Lodge in the Senate last March, but the House bill was substituted for it and passed. The two bills differ only in detail. Some of the features of the bill are worthy of mention.

Section 1 provides that all the bonds issued by the Philippine government, or by its authority, shall be exempt from taxation by the government of the United States, or by the Philippine Islands.

Section 2 provides that for the purpose of providing funds to construct port and harbor works, bridges, roads, buildings for provincial and municipal schools, court house, penal institutions, the said government is authorized to incur indebtedness, borrow money, and to issue and sell therefor registered or coupon bonds of such denominations and payable at such time, not later than forty years after the approval of this act, as may be determined by said government with interest thereon not to exceed four and one-half per cent per annum, provided that the entire indebtedness shall not exceed at any one time five million dollars, and providing further, that the law creating such indebtedness shall be approved by the President of the United States.

Section 3 provides that municipalities may, for that purpose of sewer and drainage facilities, or water works, borrow money or issue bonds to an amount not exceeding five per cent of the assessed valuation of real estate at five per cent interest per annum.

Section 4 provides that for the purpose of aiding in the construction, equipment, operation and maintenance of railroads, using steam, electricity or other power, in the Philippine Islands, the general government thereof is authorized to guarantee an income of not exceeding five per cent upon cash capital actually invested, and provided, that the total annual contingent liability of said government shall not at any time exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars, and that no such guarantee shall continue for a longer period than 30 years.

Section 5 provides that material imported into the Philippines for the construction and equipment of railroads, may in the discretion of the general government be admitted free of duty.

Section 6. That all moneys collected under the immigration laws of the United States in force in the Philippine Islands, as duty or head tax on alien immigrants, shall not be covered into the general fund of the Treasury of the United States, but shall be paid into the treasury of said islands.

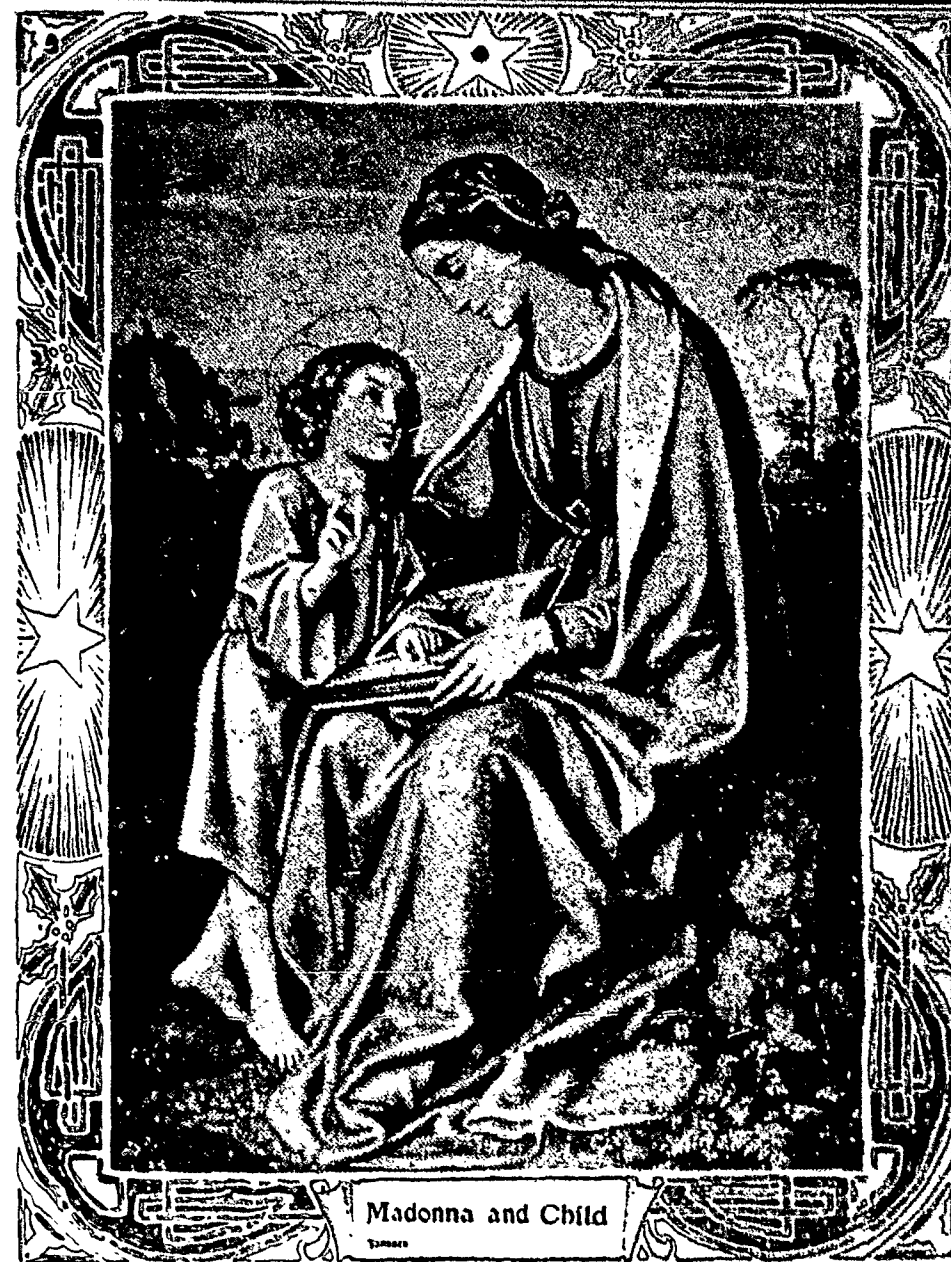
Section 8. That the civil governor of the Philippine Islands shall hereafter be known as the governor general of the Philippine Islands.

The remaining sections deal with mining and land claims, the locating and recording of such claims, and the extent of land that may be allotted to each claimant. It is the opinion of those familiar with this kind of legislation; that Congress, profiting by its mistakes on similar legislation in this country, has given to the Filipinos far better laws than exist in the United States on the same subjects.

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COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Della Fox is announced as chief attraction in the vaudeville bill to be presented at the Cook Opera House next week. She had her first important success with De Wolf Hopper in "Wang" and since then has been a prominent figure in vaudeville, opera and musical comedy. An equestrienne act will be given by the Rose Wentworth trio. Charlie Case, the well known monologist, will give his entertaining monologue. Waterbury Bros. and Tenny, three men, will give a comedy musical act. The Nichols Sisters, two young women singing in blackface, will give their inimitable specialty. Charles Hera will juggle and Beulah and Miller are down for a rousing comedy act. The kinetograph will show new pictures.



Madonna and Child

Five Minute Sermon

Gospel for Christmas Day.

Gospel: St. Luke ii. 1-14.—"And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling-clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people. For this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday December 25—Gospel, St. Luke, ii. 1-14—Nativity of Our Saviour.
Monday 26—St. Stephen, first martyr.
Tuesday 27—St. John, apostle.
Wednesday 28—The Holy Innocents, martyrs.
Thursday 29—St. Thomas a Becket, bishop and martyr.
Friday 30—St. Sabina, bishop and martyr.
Saturday 31—St. Sylvester, pope and confessor.

GENEVA.

The K. of C. held their annual election of officers last Wednesday evening in their quarters in the Wheat building on Seneca St. The meeting was largely attended and very few changes were made. The installation of officers will take place at the first meeting in Jan.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 28, a supper and social will be given in the basement of St. Stephen's by the ladies of the parish. Supper will be served from 5 to 10 p.m. at 25 cents a plate. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the new church.

On Christmas day at St. Francis de Sales church masses will be at midnight 7:30, 9 and 10:30. There will be no midnight mass at St. Stephen's and the other masses will be at 7.8 and 10:30. Mr. Michael Murphy, son of Mr. W. Murphy and brother of Mrs. Jas. Ryan of this city, died in Chicago during the week. Mr. Murphy was a well known resident of this city, but has lived in Chicago since 1878.

Dr. McCarthy has returned from Albany where he was attending the conference of the sanitary officers of the state.

WILLARD.

A regular meeting of Branch 877, L. C. B. A. took place on Dec. 13. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past pres., Miss Mary Carroll; pres., Miss Julia McGowan; 1st vice pres., Miss Mary A. Gay; 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Sarah Dailley; rec., Miss Margaret Duffy; asst. rec., Miss Anna O'Hara; treas., Mrs. Catherine Martin; marshal, Miss Libbie Ryan; guard, Miss Libbie Martin; fin. sec., Miss Jennie Conroy; trustees: Margaret Conroy, Mary E. Rielly, Ella Sturge, Katherine Rielly, Mary K. Ryan.

AUBURN.

Margaret, wife of Michael Moore Sr., died the family home, No. 15 Baker Ave. on last Monday morning at 4:30 a. m. after an illness of several weeks duration. Although her death was expected it will be a complete surprise to her many friends. Mrs. Moore has lived in the city for over 50 years and was loved by all that knew her. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She is survived by her husband and four children. The funeral was held from the house on Wednesday morning with services at St. Mary's church and interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

A large number of devoted friends will deplore the death of Mrs. Eliza M. O'Neill which occurred at the family home on last Sunday morning. Her demise came the end of a long illness. Mrs. O'Neill was one of Auburn's oldest residents. She was always considerate of the welfare of others which made her dear to the hearts of all those who knew her. A sad part of the death of Mrs. O'Neill is that her husband is near death's door and it is expected that when he hears the news of his wife's death that he too will join her in death. Mrs. O'Neill is survived by her husband and one daughter and four brothers who have the sympathy of the community in their affliction. The funeral was held from Holy Family church last Tuesday morning with services at the grave in St. Joseph's cemetery.

The different churches in the city are elaborately decorated for the Christmas services and make a pretty sight. The choir of the churches have been rehearsing the music for the high masses for the past two months and will add to the solemnity of the occasion. The crib in St. Mary's church will be put up as usual and always attracts great attention from non-Catholics as well as Catholics who admire the great work of the artists who made the figures.

The usual Christmas collection will be taken up at the different masses for the pastors of the churches and it is hoped that the people will show their appreciation of the work of their pastors by donating freely to the collection.

The St. Alphonsus school is now under cover and the inside work will be pushed to completion so that by spring the building will be occupied as a school.

The Italians of the city were given a retreat at the St. Mary's church during the week. The exercises were in charge of Dr. Hanna of Rochester and were largely attended by the Italians of the city.

CALEDONIA.

Mrs. John Campbell died at her home Wednesday Dec. 14, aged 87 years. Deceased is survived by four children: Mrs. Patrick O'Neill, Mrs. John Gellan and Mrs. John Campbell of this place and L. J. Campbell of Buffalo. The funeral was held Friday at 10 o'clock from St. Columba church.

The masses at St. Columba church will be at midnight and 9 o'clock on Christmas and at 11 o'clock at St. Patrick's church on Monday.

Mr. James Wood, who is attending school at Ellicott City, Md., will spend his Christmas vacation at his home on Jersey Ave.

Miss Olive Kelly of the Olean High School faculty is spending the holidays at her home here.

DANVILLE.

Miss Mary Dunn is the guest of Rev. Father Dunn.

Rev. Father Dunn will celebrate the second mass on Christmas day in Groveland at 8 a. m.

The high school students received holy communion on Monday morning, the parochial school on Tuesday morning.

Rev. Father Dunn celebrated high mass at 8 a. m. Monday for Daniel Guroy deceased.

Rev. Father Dunn offered prayers last Sunday for the happy repose of the soul of Rev. John Summers of Buffalo.

The following are home from school: Miss Nellie Bacon, Fulton, N. Y.; Miss Nellie Bogan, Solon; Miss Elizabeth Maloney, Groveland high school; Martin King and Otto Geiger, St. Andrew's seminary; Edward Eschrich and Raymond King, Canisius College, Buffalo.

Justice James M. Brogan's many friends are glad to see him around again.

St. Patrick's school is preparing for a Christmas tree.

CANANDAIGUA.

Sister M. Ursula, a cousin of Mrs. M. Collins, who died recently in Batavia, was prayed for Sunday.

Midnight mass 8:15 and 10:45. The sum of \$130 was noted by the young ladies at the recent sale of dolls, cakes and fancy articles, and the rummage sale totals \$150. Splendid work, ladies.

Requiem masses this week are for James Hughes, Monday, Rev. L. A. Smith, Thursday, and Mrs. M. McCormick, Friday.

The reports of the eight monthly subscription taken up for the new church were distributed last Sunday, showing that from all sources \$15,688.86 have been raised since the beginning of the year, aside from the \$25,000 mortgage.

A prize will be given to the boy who sells the greatest number of admission tickets to the holiday fair.

The South booth will hold a handkerchief shower at Mrs. Hubbard's, Thursday, from 4 to 5 p. m. the North booth at Miss Moran's, Chapin street, an apron shower in the evening.

The school collection reached \$90.

James J. Morris and Cecilia Breen were called.

The new choir made their first appearance last Sunday, and under the direction of Prof. Preimrose with Miss Mary Korte at the organ, gave great satisfaction. Miss Lulu Mengendress an offertory. The solo of Miss Mary Martin and the duet of Dr. Donovan and Mr. J. E. Doyle were greatly appreciated.

The contest among the young ladies for the diamond ring on the north side booth and the building lot prize on the south side are attracting widespread attention as leading features as the fair.

ITHACA.

A meeting of the Junior Sodality of the Children of Mary was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and of the senior at 7:30 in the parish hall.

A meeting of the C. M. B. A. was held Sunday evening at 7:30 in the K. C. rooms.

Christmas masses will be at midnight, 8:15, children's 9:30 and last mass at 10:30.

Over \$4,000 was realized from the fair which was held last month for the benefit of the church.

BAKER THEATRE.

The third season of "A Little Outcast" with the popular Rochester favorite, Anna Blake as star, begins a three days engagement at the Baker Theatre with two performances next Monday, Christmas day.

"Deserted at the Altar," the tremendous American thriller, will be seen at the Baker Theatre the last three days of next week. It is said to be a most sensational play for mothers, wives and daughters.