

lish language and obtain a B. A. degree. His manners and his friendship were greatly appreciated by his class-mates who saw in him the example of the chosen few. Next year Luc intends to join the medical school at Laval University. All your friends wish you the best of luck in the world which is waiting for you.

Louis Thomas Andre Villeneuve — Arts

"The exterior reflects the interior"

Andre was born in Quebec City in 1932. His early years were spent at Saint Louis de Gonzague school. Then in 1944 he entered the Seminaire de Quebec and studied for seven years there before he came to St. Dunstan's in the fall of '51. Andre always puts in practice the famous Latin motto: *Mens sana in corpore sano*. His systematic way of living will certainly help him in Commercial Law, his future career. *Ce n'est qu'un au revoir, oui, nous nous reverons.*

BOOK REVIEWS

FABIOLA

by

Cardinal Wiseman retold by Eddie Doherty

New York P. J. Kenedy & Sons 1951 (311 pp.)

History has revealed and all realize that Persecution is a sign of advance of the Faith. **Fabiola** is the story of such advance during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian—advance which was dearly bought with the lives of Christian martyrs, many of whom like St. Agnes and St. Sebastian we honor on our altars today but most of whom we know only by the result of their efforts.

Interwoven in the story of this persecution is another story, that of a young Roman debutante who, though not a Christian, does not succumb to the immorality and cor-

ruption of the society in which she lives. It is the story of how this virtuous lady learns, to her own chagrin, that her dearest friends (among them her cousin, St. Agnes) believe in and love God and Christianity. And it is the story of the triumph of grace in her soul—a soul deeply impressed by the example of those Christian friends. She was one of those who saw "how those Christians loved one another" and who learned whence came that love.

The setting is Rome. The author's detailed description of the catacombs and the surrounding districts gives immediate evidence of his familiarity with these places. Cardinal Wiseman, in fact, did spend some time in the Eternal City where he was rector of the English College and professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Rome.

This classic of early Christianity, written over a century ago, is retold by the well-known writer and journalist, Eddie Doherty. By his use of popular terms and expressions he has managed to refashion **Fabiola** and make it live again. Situations corresponding to those described in the book are found in our own day. Why? This is a true story and the story of Christian courage and resistance in the face of overwhelming odds is ever new.

Today in many countries we are witnessing persecution, more terrible perhaps than that of earlier times, because more sadistic means of torture have been discovered and are being exercised. Even greater than physical torture is mental anguish—the characteristic torture of today's persecution. Yet the example of those early martyrs is always an inspiration to a fuller realization of the treasure which we as Christians possess and which some have already been called upon to defend with their lives.

It may be argued that in this book there is an over-emphasis on the emotional aspect of the Faith. But we must remember that this is a love story—a true love story which will make its readers appreciate the meaning of the Faith and realize the influence our devotion to it can have on others.

Fabiola is a thoroughly enjoyable book. You will find it hard to lay it aside until you have finished it.

—M. J. '53.

GOVERNMENT IS YOUR BUSINESS

by

James Keller

New York Doubleday and Co. Inc., 1951 329 pages

"Either you run your government or your government runs you; government is your business." This is the challenge Father Keller hurls at the free people of the world today. In this book Father Keller, in a very simple and direct way tells us how we could make our government a better guardian of the rights of the people. Today, we have a tendency to sit back and criticize our government. Too many are pointing out what is wrong with America and too few are emphasizing what is right with it. We should be devoting more time to improving this government and less time disproving it. Now more than ever before each individual must realize his responsibilities as an individual toward the state. If the individual does not become conscious of his responsibilities, then we are betraying our country into the hands of its enemies.

The object of the book is to remind all citizens of their own personal responsibilities to work for the betterment of their government. The book points out what every person can do personally to protect our precious heritage of government and how this renewal of patriotism will, in turn, help the individual. America is a country founded on the principles of Christianity and the freedom we know and cherish today is spiritual in origin. Today if our people lose sight of the Divine source of its strength, they will risk the liberty which every citizen still possesses. In this era of secularism, our people have been conditioned by literature and education as well as by government to a materialistic attitude. More than ever before men with a higher sense of purpose are needed to revitalize our government and to instill into it those principles upon which it was founded.

The author gives us a picture of the structure of the United States government and tells us how and where the true Christopher can best serve his country.

It is the first principle of literary criticism to judge a book by what it sets out to achieve. This book is written for the average citizen in the various walks of life. If Father Keller has awakened more people to their sense of

responsibility towards their government, and I believe he has, this book has been a success. To us as Catholic college students the key idea in this book has special significance. We have the principles on which could be built a new and better society. What greater opportunity do we have to serve the common good than in the field of government? This is the challenge facing all thinking men today but especially the students who will be the builders of tomorrow's society. You also must play the leading role in making the world a better place to live in. It is a breath-taking challenge. It is a great time to be alive to participate even, in the smallest way, in the fashioning of a future that can bring the love and truth of Christ to America and to the world. We must play our part in the restoration of a truly Christian order.

In this book the reader will not find the reasons for the moral disintegration of our society or the solutions to all the problems confronting it, but if it makes the reader conscious of such problems it will have served its purpose. In his presentation of his case Father Keller is somewhat repetitious but he wishes to impress us with the key idea of the book: either you run your government or your government runs you.

To those of you who are interested in government and to those of you are not interested in your government but who should be interested in it, I recommend this book, **Government Is Your Business.**

—REGIS DUFFY '53

Socrates thought that if all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence every one must take an equal portion, most persons would be contented to take their own and depart.—Plutarch.

In me there dwells
No greatness, save it be some far-off touch
Of greatness, to know well I am not great.

—Lord Tennyson.