

Dramatis Personæ.

- CÆCILIA, Virgin Martyr.
- AGNES, an Orphan.
- EGERIA, a Roman Lady.
- QUINTILIAN, Father of Cæcilia.
- TIBURTIUS, her Brother.
- VALERIAN, her Betrothed.
- URBAN, the Pontiff.
- ATHANASIUS, his Deacon.
- SEPTIMIUS, A Gambler.
- ALMACHIUS, Prefect of Rome.
- DECIUS, an Apostate.
- NIGER, a Numidian Slave.
- ALEXANDER SEVERUS, the Emperor.
- HERCULES MAXIMIN, his Lieutenant.
- Wedding Guests, Flamens, Citizens, Guards,
Christians, Executioners, &c.

SCENE.—ROME. TIME.—REIGN OF ALEXANDER SEVERUS.

Regarding the costumes, it would be impossible to imitate correctly the dress of the age that tolerated a Heliogabalus, but the Christians ought to be more simply and humbly costumed than the others. Cæcilia and Agnes, white dresses, without any ornament whatever; Egeria, on the contrary, richly attired. For the men, consult Roman Antiquities.

Wedding Guests *Guards* *Citizens*