The Wheat of Christ.

(By Milton E. Smith in Rosary Magazine.)

TIBERTIUS AND DEMUS THERITIUS AND DEMOS
The shades of evening were slowly
falling upon the seven-hilled city of
Romulas, wrapping its columns and
arches in a sombre mantle. The lingering rays of departing day seemed
"I will not deny, my noble friend,
that I am unhappy, and yet—talk
the leave the city to the arches in a sombre mantle. The lingering rays of departing day seemed
unwilling to leave the city to the
guardianship of night, as though
fearing that the scenes which had
transpired within its gates since the
rising of the sun upon the Capitolium would be surprised in barbarity
during the reign of darkness; for it
was gala day in Rome, and the blood
of three hundred members of the human family had been spilled to make
a holiday for the people. The Emperor Domitian had been to the amphitheatre to witness the tragic with each other until one of the con-testants was slain, after which the victor met a new foe and fought un-til death relieved him of his misery. The Christians were torn to pieces by wild beasts, brought from the East

whose amusements they were brought to Rome—for the beasts of the Im-perial City were not less cruel than the jungle.

artiots of the noblès, drawn The chariots of the noblès, drawn by white ponies or great Idumean horses crowded the Via Sacra, where the pedestrians might have keen numbered by thousands. The golden characteristics where the pedestrians of the solden characteristics where the product of the solden characteristics are solden characteristics. the pedestrians might have given this bered by thousands. The golden cha-riot of Domitan had passed on its way to the Palatine, the people greeting him with loud shouts of "Hail, Divine Emperor! Hail, son of the

gods!" when two young men emerg-ed from the crowded street into a campus and stopped before a beauti-

Grecian fountain.
What thinkest thou, Tibertius, of "What thinkest thou, Tibertius, of the scenes in the amphitheatre to-day?" asked Demas, the younger of the two. "To me there is something unworthy in the association of Ro-mans with these feasts, where help-less human beings are slaughtered or made to kill each other. How much better it would be to enlist the stal-wart gladiators and send them with sere beginns to conquer our enemies. our legions to conquer our enemies.
believe in giving every man a chance I believe in giving every man a chance especially when it is for our own good. I fear we have fallen on evil times, and that the gods may avenge our wrong-doing by halting our armies in their victorious career. I shall never go to the amphitheatre again when such bloody exhibitions

are to be given."
"Demas, my friend, thou must not play with fire or thou wilt be burned," replied Tibertius confidentially. "knowest thou not that thy words are treasonable? To dare predict defeat for our legions is a crime Domitan never pardons. I will not deny that I was a little discusted to-day, an never pardons. I will not deny t I was a little disgusted to-day, at the contests—for the gladianot at the contests—for the grade tors were given an opportunity to defend themselves—but to see misguided women and children fed to the beasts because in their famaticism they refused to sacrifice to the gods. However, I shall not remain count of y from the games on account o folly. We cannot afford to ab sent ourselves when the Emperor de-sires our presence at the amphithe-atre. It is dangerous not to be seen

'Enough of this, Tibertius,' replied Demas, with a gesture of impatience. But tell me what ails thee?—for thou dost not seem to be thee?—for thou dost not seem to be thyself of late. What cloud hath come over thy life, my friend? With thy villa, one of the most beautiful in Rome, thy thousand slaves—some of them the daughters of kings—and thy rank in the Pretorian Guards near the august person of the Emperor, thou shouldst enjoy a day of perpetual sunshine. As for myself, I have no clouds in my life and yet. have no clouds in my life, and yet my house is but a shadow compared to thy villa, which is all a noble Roman could desire. Tell me what noman could desire. Tell me what disturbs thy peace and I will make an offering to the goddess of chance wings. the good Fortuna, who put away her wings when she came to Rome, that we might know she would never leave us. She will bring back the sunshine had constructed a splendid port by

to the Villa Mastius, if indeed it hath

"I will not deny, my noble friend, that I am unhappy, and yet—talk not of making libations to the gods; it is on account of them that it is on account of them that I am not myself. But seek not to read the secrets of my heart. Be content when thou seest Thertius with the flush of health on his cheek, and draw not the veil from his inner self."

"Thy words alarm me, Tibertius, for if the gods have made thy life wretched, who shall dare endeavor to made their words." Then must leave

man family had been spilled to make a holiday for the peoppe. The Emperor Domitian had been to the amphitheatre to witness the tragic death of two hundred barbarians and of one hundred Christians. Of the former, two were selected to fight with each other until one of the contestants was slain, after which the victor met a new foe and fought until death relieved him of his misery. The Christians were torn to pieces by wild beasts, brought from the East which indicate that thy heart is not with the care which indicate that thy heart is not at peace?"

and kept unfed in the Vivarium to mad found favor with the noble Marrender them more like the brutes for had found favor with the noble Marrender them more like they were brought cella: but the last time I honored myster the Imcella: but the last time I honored myself by making a visit to Antium my
welcome was not such as an officer
of the Emperor's household should
have received. Not that there was
aught of disparters in the polished
manners of the 10 & Marcella and
her beautiful daughter; but there was
an absence of cordiality that cast
over my heart the shadow which
thou, my friend, hast perceived this
evening. And I did note a cold reserve on their part when urged to
join the Emperor's party at the podium at the games to-day. At the
slightest allusion to the Emperor
and the sports he so generously proslightest allusion to the Emperor and the sports he so generously provides for the people, the smiles left the cheeks of the noble ladies, and no attention was given to my thrice repeated invitation, which thousands would value so highly. There is a mystery in this which I would give a thousand sestertia to solve. What thinkest thou of the secret that I in friendship would confide to thee? Why spurned they an invitation that others would give a chalice of rubies to receive?"

"Thy words sound strange, Tinertius, for in this pleasure-loving age

"Thy words sound strange, I'mertius, for in this pleasure-loving age no one treateth lightly an opportunity to be near the Emperor at any feast. I cannot unravel the mystery or say why the noble ladies declined thy invitation. I had thought thou were a favorite at the Villa Antium and I was jealous of the beautiful were a havoire at the search of the beautiful Lavonica, for I feared the coming of the day when thou wouldst leave Rome for a retreat at Antium."

"I beg thee, noble friend, mention not the one I deeply love and whom

I had boped on my last visit to persuade to become my promised wife.

Something hath come between us that the gods cannot remove. My hope hath given place to fears which I must not unfold even to best friend; for the trees, the fountains and the statues the fountains and the statues cars given them by the gods they may protect the Emperor treason. So seek not to tear from my heart a secret I fear even think upon. Did I dare unlock tongue, it would be for thee friend. I am miserable, mor do I believe the goddess Venus will aid.

"Then thou lovest the noble La-

nception of my devotion any conception of my devotion to her. But no more the night send-eth from the Campagna the deadly vapor. We'must part. Give no thought to what I have said. May the gods protect thee, my Demas."

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means of two moles enclosing a basin two miles in circumference. Here was the villa of Marcella, the wife of Verius, a distinguished general serving with Agricola in Britain. She retired to Antium when Titus of the distinguished and the distinguished the distingui retired to Antium when Titus, styled entered the atrium, and that he has 'delicae humani generis,' was murdered, it was suspected, by Domidered, by Do

dered, it was suspected, by Domitian.

It was a glorious day in early autumn, and the Villa Antium, with its artificial lakes, beautiful statues and rare plants, presented a scene of loveliness worthy of its noble occupants. Marcella was sitting within an arbor formed by vines that gracefully twined around marble pillars, uniting at the top in a canopy of green interspersed with crimson berries. On a low stool by her feet sat Lavonica. The face of the matron denoted anxiety, which seemed to increase as she read the letter she held in her hand, which had just arrived from Rome. Lavonica no-

ther said: "Here was a letter from Tibertius. He is sad because he did not receive the usual cordial wel-polished manner and the flattering not receive the usual cordan wel-come on his last visit to Antium. I regret that he seemeth to be deeply interested in thee. I like not to re-fuse him permission to make us an-other visit, yet I can do nothing to encourage the addresses of a pagan, nor do I feel justified in telling him nor do I feet justified in teiling in the reason of my opposition. For myself I fear nothing, and would gladly welcome a martyr's crown. But I tremble for thee, and as T bertius hath threatened to force the and would to become his wife, he may betray

us should he discover that ...
Christians. What sayest thou regarding his request to be permitted to come here?"

"Like thee, dear mother, I do not fear persecution, nor do I fear to die for the sake of Our Lord, but my one wish is to do His will. If, the law Pontiff hath assured me, wands in bethere is work for my hands in behalf of the Church, I prefer to live that I may do it."

'Dost thou fear his coming?' "No, my mother, I do not. I have ayed for the noble Tibertius, and prayed for the noble Tibertus, and I believe my prayers will be answerded. Should we refuse to permit him to come, we may shut out the light of faith from him forever."

"Then, my daughter, thou wouldst have me give him a favorable answer? But surely thou wouldst not

listen to his words of love?"
"I would not refuse him permission

to visit us lest we might delay his conversion. As to his offer of marriage, dear mother, I would not consider it: for if I marry my husband must be a Christian. If thou wilt accept a suggestion from one so in-experienced as myself, I would adexperienced as myself, I would vise that we ask him to visit and I will tell him the story of the birth and death of Unrist. Whose deciples we are. We may be able to plant in his mind the seed of truth that may eventually send up the tree of faith."

Nay, my daughter, thou wouldst permit thy zeal to run away with thy prudence. Remember thy noble father, fighting in Britain. He knoweth nothing of our change of belief, and before we risk the Emperor's anger we must seek his conversion. If it be the will of God that we be permitted to wear the crown of menturidem it will be a great blesse. martyrdom, it will be a great bless-ing; but we shall be still more highly blessed if we forget ourselves strive to do the will of heaven me it seemth to be our duty for the sake of bringing your knowledge of the one true God

"Then, my mother, thou wilt not permit the noble Tibertius to again

visit Antium?"
"I have not decided, my daughter, but should he come I beg thee to be prudent and not risk danger we should avoid. Domitan would never pardon the family of Vertus did he know that they were Christians Their conversation was interrupted y the coming of the steward, who a young man whose face and general appearance indicated that he ardships rus, a priest take nced many hardships ap-

overheard by some of the servants as they passed through the grounds. On their way through the beautiful park they were silent, but when they were in the triclinium Severus said: "My children, I have been in Rome by command of the Supreme Portiff, and was in the amphitheatre when at least a hundred of our fellow Christians." by command of the Supreme Portif, and was in the amphitheatre when at least a hundred of our fellow Christians received their crowns. It was a sight no human tongue could describe. Although most hideous and brutal, yet there was a glorious consolation in the thought of those immortal souls rising from that bloody arena to a world of everlasting loy. Unobserved, I gave the blessing of the Pope to the martyrs as they were about to fall before the infuriated beasts. I fear I envied them the opportunity they enjoyed of winning the palm of martyrdom. But there is time enough for usit is enough to think I am one. Similar the opportunity they enjoyed of winning the palm of martyrdom. But there is time enough for last the will and been the Holy Mysteris in this bouse. Let the fee Christians among your reverants move the hour. It is the command of the Portifi that prevent of the protest and the protest and the protest and the protest in this bouse. Let the fee Christians among your reverants move the hour. It is the command of the Portifi that prevent of the protest in the hought of the protest in the house of the Portifi that prevent of the protest in the house of the Portifi that prevent of the

truth, we should street to kinder the obstacles that prevent others from accepting it."

Whilst the priest was speaking a servant announced that a visitor had entered the atrium, and that he had sent ins respects to the noble ladies, excited by was Therthus from Rome.

just under a bushel, neither must we rush no-heedlessly into danger. He may held in her hand, which had just arrived from Rome. Lavortica noticed that her mother was disturbed, but tried to conceal her suspicion by working induseriously on a piece of lace she was making out of Egyptatan thread. In a few moments her anxiety was relieved when her mother motive, which God forbid." As though he had read a secret in the telltale blush that came to her anxiety was relieved when her mother when the arrival of the young words of this young man not that thou art a Christian and

not that thou art a Corristian and that he is a pagan. Pray for him, but keep thy heart free."

He then went into the crypt that had been converted into a chapel for the few Christians of the neighborhood. Tibertius entered the triclinium and greeted the ladies cordially,

saying:
"So great was my desire to
thee, noble Marcella, and thee, r
Lavonica, that I have ventured come before receiving permission, now beg to be pardoned for mption. I have grown weary of Rome, but I know that I shall soon regain my lost cheerfulness in the company of those I so highly

"Thou art welcome, noble Tibertius," said Marcella coldly, "and it is our hope that thy visit may dispel all traces of sadness from thy heart. As thou hast travelled for heart. As thou hast travelled thou needest rest. Sembar show thee to the cubiculum."

Tibertius followed the steward to his apartment, and the ladies sehis apartment, and the lattice se-parated, after a whispered conversa-tion regarding the manner in which he should be entertained during his solourn at the villa.

Tibertius did not tarry long in his

cubiculum, but, after a bath, passed out of the atrium and walked through the grounds in the direction of the house of a freedman who was chief gardener of the estate. He soon reached an opening where the old reached an opening where the old man was directing the cultivation of a garden. Here he paused and ask-

"Nicassius, hast thou forgotten thy benefactor?" The old man frowned heavil—as he

I could not forget thee, did I so "Hast thou been faithful to

promise made when I had thy brother liberated? If not, it will go hard with thee, for thou hast been reported as a brigand and freeboot-Nicassius keeps his promise,

will serve thee, master," replied Greek doggedly, turning to the Greek doggedly, turning to the men he was directing. Tibertius, angry at the man's indifference, exclaimed: "By the gods, if thou dost not change thy insolent manner I will have the punished as thou deservest.

Thou knowest what brings me to Antium, and vet thou darest to turn Empire?

blood flows through veins of Nicassius," replied the Greek "although he was once boldly, "although he was once slave. He has feeling, and ne not threats to make him faithf thee, who hast him in bis pe Come with me where there are ears to hear what thou alone and I will tell thee much. Tibertius followed the old man into

proached. It was Severus, a priest ordained by Pope Clement to take charge of the suburban churches. When he entered the arbor, the two ladies knelt to receive his blessing. Then they went to the house, fearing that their conversation might be overheard by some of the servants as officers of his household was stope of the servants as officers of his household was stope of the servants as officers of his household was stope of the servants as officers of his household was stope of the servants as of the

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Tibertius followed the old man into a near-by house: when the door had been closed, Nicassius said:

"At this hour a Christian, priest is in the villa where thou are a guest. To-morrow morning the horrid sacrifice of a child will be celebrated by the company to with the respect due to one i position—a member of the Emp household. Marcella feared that officers of his household was stopping in a Christian house with a priest of that sect? Or if he should be told that an officer of the Pretorian Guard seekfeth to marry a Christian lady?"

"If thou dost not hold thy toungue, by the gods I'll have thee in the Tullianum before the next festival. Darest thou threaten me, thou whereth?"

thou threaten me, thou wereth?" was there, but she went to Ostia, at the request of the Pope on important business requiring immediate atten-

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"Then don't ho

n the serious busin life; do not lightly riments." KNOCKING AWAY

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And don't forget, as The goal is set, not t far beyond the got a hint myself to From dear old Fath T. D.," said he, at You have no time to

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