

an ecclesiastic; 'they are, generally, exceedingly polite. The monk in charge, I am sorry to say, was so much under the influence of wine that he was quite incapable of carrying the taper



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and exhibiting the relics—a task which he had to delegate to a boy. Beneath the upper church have recently been discovered, and in part excavated, two earlier churches—one reaching back to the third century. The frescoes and mosaics on the walls are many of them quite like those of the Catacombs, a proof of their early date. The various collections of sarcophagi, inscriptions, lamps, vases, and other objects from those repositories of the early Christian dead in the various museums were studied with profound interest. I was fortunate in obtaining a few specimens of these antiquities, both Christian and pagan, as *souvenirs* of ancient Rome.

I went one afternoon with a friend to see the Mausoleum of Augustus, where the great Emperor with many of his successors were buried. We found a huge circular building open to the sky, in whose substructions the tombs of the ancient lords of the world may still be seen; and here

in later days the body of Rienzi, "the last of the Tribunes" was buried. But—what a sarcastic comment on human greatness!—we found the vast arena used as an open air summer theatre, and a mock emperor, with snowy toga and gilded wreath was enacting