

1 peculiar about this building except the windows of the clerestory are filled with semi-  
2 transparent marble. The second church is circular with a dome. Its present form dates from  
3 the 16<sup>th</sup> century. In the crypt we were shown a small dungeon where St. Paul was confined for  
4 a few hours immediately preceding his execution. Next visited the church of the three  
5 Fountains erected on the spot where St. Paul was beheaded. It is believed that when his head  
6 touched the ground, it made three jumps, or bounds, and at each of the three spots where the  
7 head touched the ground, there sprang up a fountain. These three fountains are beautifully  
8 fitted up with marble. The old monk who acted as our guide dipped up a glass of water at each  
9 of the springs, and we all reverently took a sip of it. The monk was an American nationalized  
10 and had formerly lived in Kentucky. He showed us the stone on which St Paul was beheaded. It  
11 is now in the form of a hitching post about 30 inches high and 10 inches diameter of white  
12 marble. It is a little difficult to believe all that passes for truth here. We believe in the  
13 extraordinary manner of Pauls conversion. Why not? in the miracles attending his violent  
14 death, stone chopping block and all. The hills in the neighborhood of these churches furnish  
15 the remarkable earth, or ashes, known as pozzulana [pozzolana]. It is of a reddish or maroon  
16 colour and, when mixed with quick lime, forms the hardest and most tenacious cement known.  
17 Pozzulana is some sort of volcanic matter, and it is to this cement that the ruins of ancient  
18 Rome are indebted for their wonderful preservation. We passed a small chapel half a mile  
19 outside the city wall erected to commemorate the spot where Saints Peter and Paul took a final  
20 leave of each other. This is another say so, but there is the old chapel to prove it.

21 Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday. A beautiful clear day, the air as warm as in May at Chicago. We started out  
22 at half past ten for a walk. Went to the church of S Peter in Vincoli to give Julia an opportunity  
23 of seeing Michael Angelos celebrated statue of Moses as on our former visit to this church she  
24 was not able to be with us. From the church, walked to the coliseum and took what we now  
25 consider a last look at this grand old ruin. We walked along the entire length of the Roman  
26 forum, then passed along side of the forum of Trajan and the Trevi fountain and arrived home  
27 at 1 o'clock. Did not go out in the afternoon.

28 Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Bought some photographs. Walked about the city. Expected a card of invitation this  
29 evening to call on the pope to morrow. Called on Mr. Gammon. Found that he had not  
30 received any invitation. Also learned that parties sometimes were kept in suspense for a week  
31 after making their application. I am not disappointed much. As we leave to morrow for Naples,  
32 we shall waive the honour we intended for the Old Gentleman. I am glad that I have not, even  
33 as a matter of etiquette, bowed my knee to any mortal. It went against my conscience to  
34 consent to make the visit, and I know that I should always have regretted it. Called at Mr. Van  
35 Meters rooms. Did not see him. Registered my name, looked over some American  
36 newspapers. His efforts here brings to my mind the hint about "casting pearls before swine."  
37 My impression is that leading Catholics look to America as the hereafter grand seat of their  
38 power, and when Chicago elects a Catholic to represent her in congress, I think they have  
39 reason to be encouraged. It strikes me that Mr. Van Meter had better fight the fire in front  
40 rather than waste his efforts on the half extinguished embers here.