

cities, fear had dissolved all the ties which hold society together, when the secular clergy had forsaken their flocks, when medical succor was not to be purchased by gold, when the strongest natural affections had yielded to the love of life, even then the Jesuit was found by the pallet which bishop and curate, physician and nurse, father and mother had deserted, bending over infected lips to catch the faint accents of confession, and holding up to the last, before the expiring penitent, the image of the expiring Redeemer."

LETTER V.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

The following letter was refused insertion in the columns of the *St. Thomas Journal*. I penned it in reply to a last letter of Mr. Austin. As defendant I claimed to be heard last, but the editor had exercised his privilege of cloture, and I was barred out. Begging of you to send me some extra copies of the letter for distribution among my Protestant friends,

I am, yours, etc.,

W. FLANNERY.

To the Editor of the Journal:

St. Thomas, June 10th, 1889.

SIR,—I was absent in Essex on a confirmation tour with the Bishop of this Diocese when Mr. Austin's last letter appeared in your columns. Since then I have been very busy preparing for the Bishop's reception in this parish, and have not had for some weeks one day I could call my own.

I now take advantage of a day's leisure to remove some false impressions Mr. Austin's last letter may have left on some minds. But, as I hope this may be my final and good-for-all last letter, I ask leave to summarize the letters that have been written so far. Mr. Austin opened with a terrible onslaught on the Jesuit Fathers. I speak from memory. Their arraignment for the abominable crimes of murder, arson, perjury, usury, etc., was indeed formidable, and all things looked desolation on the Jesuit side of the house. I fancy, however, that I proved that the Jesuits are not, and never have been, the immoral wretches they have been represented. I proved from unbiased history that they were not guilty of the mur-