

OUR NON-CATHOLIC BROTHERS.

Sacred Heart Review. The following interesting letter, written by one of the reverend clergy of the Hartford diocesan missionary band engaged in the preaching of Catholic truth to non Catholics, was elicited, as will be seen from its personal, by a recent editorial note in the Review. Father Flannery writes thereof he knows by experience, and for that reason, as well as for others, his letter is admirably calculated to give a clear and correct comprehension of the important subjects with which it deals.

It is in the cities that we encounter these assaults on fundamental doctrines.

And yet such attacks are more easily repelled than the objections of dwellers in country districts. The confessed infidel is candid and yields to conquering argument. But the protean farmer finds a new saddle every time he is unhorsed, and is as elusive as the proverbial flea. If he knows two passages of Scripture, or if he has committed his faith to a certain interpretation, or if you hesitate to be ensnared in a catch question by giving a categorical yes or no, he disdains to consider what you offer in defense of the Catholic position.

a silver key for safe keeping. You do all this for flowers, which a thousand suns shall duplicate in beauty.

and for jewels for which a handful of dollars can reimburse your loss, but you are infinitely careless with the delicate rose of maidenliness, which once faded, no summer shining can ever woo back to freshness, and with unsullied jewel of personal reputation, which all the wealth of kings can never buy back again, once lost.

WHY DANTE'S INFLUENCE STILL LIVES.

An esteemed friend, who admires the writings of Dante, recently asked us if we had any idea why his works are so like revelation. We have given the matter some thought, and we have no hesitation in giving a due place to the mysticism of St. Bonaventura in the formation of the Comedy.

MGR. MARTINELLI ON "THE CELIBACY OF THE PRIESTHOOD."

Celibacy has been an immemorial custom of the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, dating back to the time of the apostles. Taking the words of our Divine Lord, "There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake."

HYPOCRISY OF THE "EXPERIENCE" MEETING.

How the "Rescue Mission" Lauded a Reformed and Penitent Offender in Jail. From the Catholic Mirror. An exemplification of the need of confession, of the craving in the sin-filled heart for some one to whom to unburden one's sorrows and griefs, as well as of the absence of such a desideratum among our separated brethren, occurred recently in Elizabeth, N. J., when in a meeting of the Rescue Mission a tall young man, with tears streaming down his face, arose and announced that he was a pickpocket and wanted to reform.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Ave Maria. What a change has taken place in the religious world when a non Catholic writer is found to pen words like these in explanation of the Blessed Virgin's place in Christian worship and the reasonableness of our devotion to her! The passage may be found in a recent book by Hamilton Wright Mable entitled "The Life of the Spirit."

FLIRTING.

"I didn't think!" A woman flings the whiteness of her reputation in the dust, and, wailing to the realization of her loss, when the cruel glare of the world's disapproval reveals it, she seeks to plead her thoughtlessness as an extenuation of the world's pardon. But the flint-hearted world is slow to grant it, if she be a woman.

CLEAN LITERATURE.

One of the greatest needs of the day is clean literature. It is a crying need, an imperative need. It is recognized by all thinking men and women. This is an age of public libraries. What more powerful instrument for the dissemination of clean literature and the suppression of unclean literature than the public library if properly conducted? But where is the public library whose shelves are closed to the decadent novel? Echo answers, "Where?"

JOHN RUSKIN AND THE CHURCH

Ruskin wrote some very characteristic sentences to certain English Protestants who appealed to him for help to build a new iron conventicle in a country town. We quote them, premising that Ruskin loved the beautiful churches of Catholic countries, and that no one has written more gloriously of them than he:

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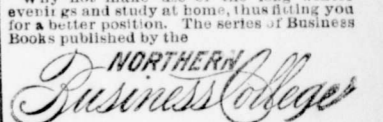


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