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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen."—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname.)—St. Faclan, 4th Century.

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OUR LADY'S INFLUENCE.

Ruskin, who had his lucid intervals when dealing with the Church, tells us that he is persuaded that the worship of the Madonna has been one of the noblest and most vital graces of Catholicism, and has never been otherwise than productive of true holiness of life and purity of character.

FLIPPANT CRITICISM.

If there is one thing more than another trying on the nerves it is the flippant criticism of priest and prelate. We do not venture that it goes on in many households, but to our certain knowledge, it does in some, thanks to the example of worldly-minded parents who have reverence for nothing except money. We presume that priest and prelate can stand honest criticism when they need it.

LOOK AFTER THE YOUTH.

No one will contend that our young men are conspicuous by their enthusiasm for the interests of the Church. We go further and say that every parish has a certain number of young men who go but seldom to Mass and rarely, if ever, to the sacraments. We do not want to say that this neglect can be traced to our indifference to them when they needed advice and sympathy, but we hold that it is true in a measure in too many cases.

AN ABSURD STATEMENT.

The New York Times prints a story about a distinguished French ecclesiastic who recently made a speech at a dinner in Montreal. It appears that the speech did not disturb unduly the emotional tendencies of the French Canadians, and the ecclesiastic seeking the cause was told that the guests "did not understand him well."

ANOTHER TESTIMONY.

Writing to a friend who inquired as to the truth of Dr. Long's (a medical missionary) persecution by Catholics, Mr. Robert Gibson answered as follows: "I have lived for fifty-eight years amongst the Catholics of the South of Ireland, where we are in a minority of about one Protestant to forty Roman Catholics. I am well known as being a Protestant and a Freemason, yet I have never been persecuted, insulted, or annoyed by any of the section of my fellow-countrymen, who are supposed, by those who do not know them, to be 'base, bloody, and brutal Papists,' nor by the 'tyrant priests.'"

not forget the conditions which fostered and provoked them. When they were in power, and had, if desirous, an opportunity for revenge, they proved as true to their character as to the faith which had been their chief support.

A PRAISEWORTHY UNDERTAKING.

A very practical method of helping others came under our notice a short time ago. A gentleman of means and with not an excessive amount of leisure time at his disposal conceived the design of giving the gamins who sell newspapers and others who do not seem to belong to anybody, a square meal now and then, and a room in which they might spend some of the time they now devote to the streets.

PAULISTS TO NON-CATHOLICS.

Eloquent Missionaries Attract Large Congregations at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

Why do you Catholics pray to the Virgin Mary, or rather to Christ through the Virgin Mary?

By what power do the priests forgive sins? By the same power by which the Apostles forgave sins.

Where is Purgatory? I do not know. The Catholic Church says there is a heaven immediately for those who die with no stain of sin upon their souls.

THE FILIPINO.

A Canadian non-Catholic exchange had something to say lately of the "natural perfidiousness of the Filipino."

urged his hearers to use the question box and ask any questions they desired. He would gladly answer.

"THE NEED OF THE CREED." The reverend Father then read some Scripture, the congregation recited the Lord's Prayer and the lecture of the evening followed.

HOW CAN ONE BELIEVE? How can one accept the doctrines of Christ and make an act of faith in them?

Now, non-Catholics get the doctrines of Christ from the Bible. Good, earnest, prayerful non-Catholics study the Bible and get about three hundred different religions of Christ.

Which is the true spirit of Christ—the Catholic spirit, which upholds belief in all the doctrines of Christ, or the non-Catholic spirit, which says, "You may believe or not believe, provided you are a good man?"

On Tuesday evening Father McCorry, C. S. P., gave a powerful discourse on "The Divinity of Christ."

"Do you believe that in heaven there are many mansions, and that according to our sins we shall be so placed that some will be in back seats and some nearer the throne?"

human wretch to make such an assumption and to lead people astray from God. Christ must be one of two things; either He is God or the worst man that trod the earth.

The following questions were asked by non-Catholics through the question box and answered by Father Doyle:

THE QUESTION BOX AGAIN.

Q. "What becomes of the man who does what is right, but never attends church?"

A. He does not do right if he never attends church. There is just the same obligation to attend church as there is to do right in the sense used by the questioner.

Q. "Why is the rich man better off than the poor man, since he can have more Masses celebrated for the repose of his soul after death than the poor man can have?"

A. There is a custom in the Church of giving an offering when asking a priest to celebrate Mass.

A. Generally speaking, the Catholic believes that Christ the Lord made His Church, which we call the Catholic Church.

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faith which the Catholic possesses as his dearest inheritance from God.

Q. "Would you hear the confession of a non-Catholic and pray for her as you would for one of your faith? If so, where should she apply?"

ANGLICANS AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Replying to a correspondent who objected to certain Catholic features of his periodical, the editor of the Angelus, an Anglican organ published in Chicago, says:

"We are sorry that our correspondent should object to various commemorations of our Blessed Lady which have appeared in the Angelus calendar from time to time.

"We strongly incline to the belief that not a few of the cures effected at Lourdes are miracles worked by our Divine Lord at the intercession of our Blessed Lady and in response to the prayers of faithful Catholics.

THE POPE TOLD THE BELGIANS OF AN ADVENTURE OF HIS.

A Rome correspondent writes: "Everybody is talking of the marvellous strength and endurance which the Holy Fathers has shown in the many fatiguing ceremonies which his Jubilee festival has imposed upon him.

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