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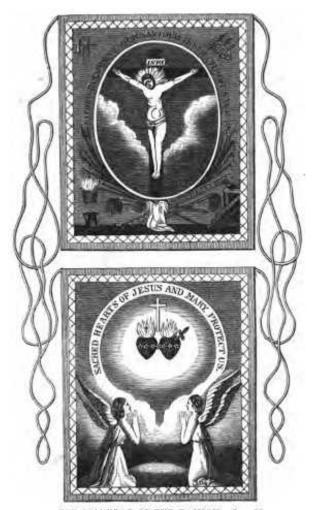
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LONDON:

ARTHUR HALL, VIRTUE, AND Co., 25, PATERNOSTER ROW.

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"Ot all the religious orders, perhaps the Redemptorists may be said to live as strictly to the rule of their sainted and learned founder [Liguori] as any of the numerous orders that adorn the Catholic Church. Is it any wonder then that their success is so eminent? Every devout Catholic can revert with pleasurable emotions to the writings of St. Alphonous M. de Liguori. In the lives and conversations of the Fathers of his order, it may truly be said we have living illustrations of his piety, seel, and learning. It is now about twelve months ago that God directed the steps of these holy men to the scene of their present labours at Clapham, the veriest hotbed of "Evangelicalism" to be found anywhere in England, not excepting that of Cheltonham."—From the Roman Catholic Newspaper, "The Tablet," April 21, 1849.

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OF

"A LAY SUBSCRIBER,"

COLLECTED FROM

THE "HISTORIC TIMES,"

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RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE INHABITANTS

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TO THE READER.

At the request of friends, I have collected and re-arranged for publication, in the present form, the following Letters which appeared in successive numbers of the "HISTORIC TIMES." With a few trifling additions, the letters are as they appeared in that Journal. The notes I have since added.

A few words in explanation of the circumstances which led to the publication of the Letters, may not be considered out of place.

In the Roman Catholic Journal "THE TABLET" of the 12th of May last, the following advertisement appeared:—

CATHOLIC REPOSITORY,

BURNS, 17. PORTMAN SYRKET, PORTMAN SQUARE. Just ready.

A Bradeful Image of St. Joseph, after a new model, 26 inches high, to match the images of Our Lady, already on sale, 14a.; in coloured plaster, 17s., painted and gilt. A specimen may now be seen at Mr. Durns' Rooms, and a supply will be ready in a very few days. Three or four other New Images will also be ready shortly.

Mr. B. has on hand a large and varied Assortment of Rosanies, from the commonest up to the most expensive.

Good strong Brane for distribution among the Poor, Fourrean Pence a dozen, or 13s. a gross. The same, in a nice red colour, 1s. 4d. a dozen. Better qualities at all prices—1s. 6d, 2s. 2s. 6d., 3s. per dozen, with the usual allowance per gross.

ROSARIES of the SEVEN DOLOURS, very nest, 9d. each; also the Crown of the B.V.M. (Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception), 4d., &c. &cc.

CRUCIFIXES for DISTRIBUTION, at all prices; a very strong brass Crucifix, 4d., or 3s. 6d. a dozen. (34 inches long.)

AN ACCOUNT of the Four Scapulars—Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Dolours, the Immaculate Conception, and the Blessed Trinity; with the Indulgence attached to them, &c., 2d., or 12s. per hundred.

AN ACCOUNT of the SCAPULAR of the Passion. In red cover, id., or 7s. per hundred.

SCAPULARS of all kinds. 1d. on linen, or beautifully made up, 4d., or 3s. 6d. per dozen and upwards.

** Mr. B. is now building, and hopes soon to open a new WARRROOM for ARTICLES of CATHOLIC DEVOTION. He will then make it his business to keep a full supply of every thing which can be required in that department, and also in Foreign and English Devotional Literature.

An announcement of a New Wareroom for the Sale of Articles of Catholic Devotion in a Protestant Country is sufficiently startling, but the public sale of Scapulars in London, was more than I had ever expected to see; for I did think that this masterpiece of Popish mummery and absurdity (to use the mildest terms) would have been confined to the Continent and to Priest-ridden Ireland. The above advertisement is, I believe, the first public announcement in England for the sale of these miracle-working pieces of rag, and I was therefore, most anxious to ascertain how far they