

there was question of a spot rendered sacred by a supernatural event.

Pilgrimages and shrines perpetuate the passing moment of some heavenly apparition. Is it not a great blessing that, in the midst of the worries of life, there are still corners in this world, sanctified by the presence of some heavenly messenger or other, into which we may turn and pray?

The Church has always favored the visiting of shrines. She wants to bring home to us that we are only pilgrims passing through life, and she knows that the actual experience of the scrip and staff, like all object lessons, will leave a salutary impression on our souls.

The pilgrimage venerable above all in the world is the visit to the Holy Land. It was there Our Lord Jesus Christ lived and worked and died for us. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Calvary made sacred by the presence of the Saviour of men, have an interest all their own; and we may not wonder that multitudes, during every age and from every clime, have gathered together to revere the spots trodden by the Sacred Feet of Christ and crimsoned by His Precious Blood. The presence of Our Lord during thirty-three years in Judea, while it produced a tremendous change in the world, consecrated those Judean hills and valleys and made them, for all time, venerable in the eyes of men.

The apparitions of Jesus Christ to a Visitandine nun at Paray-le-Monial, an obscure town in France, in the seventeenth century, and the revelations there of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, was another event of tremendous importance in the life and evolution of Christianity. No new dogma was revealed to us in these revelations; nothing was changed in our creed or added