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would provide for himself and Mrs. Eldridge close to the church at Cape Croker. There they would assist at daily Mass; as for the rest, he had no desire to be idle. He would joyfully devote what years of leisure God should spare him in this life to the service of the Indians. He would go among them day by day, endeavoring to improve their crude methods of cultivating the soil, would train them in the use of necessary implements and tools, suggest methods of bettering their home-conditions, of beautifying home surroundings by some attention to flower gardens and other forms of decoration, and by having them realize what are the normal rewards of toil, stimulate habits of intelligent application and industry. The glorious idea was defeated by the early approach of death. Could we have seen its fulfilment even through a short decade of years, there is no telling what one so admirably fitted for the work might have accomplished. With his rare capacity for guiding any undertaking of a practical nature, his moral influence ever effective and seemingly irresistible, the respect and confidence he had long since won for himself in the hearts of these simple people, and above all with his unbridled devotion to the

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