

Hard and heavy as this cross must have been, he bore it with a wonderful patience and cheerfulness; and had we not known before how he strove to shape his heart after the pattern of His Master's, in meekness and humility, we should have found it out in the course of the months that were to put the final test upon his fidelity and generosity.

From 1882, he had the Direction in Great Britain of the Apostleship, and in 1885 he brought out the new popular series of the *Messenger*. He threw himself heart and soul into the work of the Apostleship, thoroughly reorganizing it, and laying the foundation of everything connected with it as deeply and solidly as possible. All this necessitated his gradually withdrawing himself, more and more, from the giving of retreats, in which he had before labored constantly in all parts of England. Naturally he must have felt this cutting himself off from a work in which he had found great consolation, and had produced great fruit, preaching retreats, as he did, with the greatest success in the majority of religious houses in England. His health, always delicate, could not have stood the strain of the double life—viz., the travelling life and the desk life. To the desk life, therefore, he sacrificed himself entirely; so entirely, that he probably shortened his life by several years. For nine years then he tied himself to his desk, for the sake of the interests of the Sacred Heart.

The result of this nine years' labor is known far and wide, even beyond our shores, and is known to be very great and very solid; the large circulation of the *Messenger*, gradually increased by him from 4,000 to some 27,000, being but part of it; and again the rapid multiplication of Local Centres and Affiliations, but a part only of the fruit of his unseen daily toil. He corresponded with almost every part of the world, and from the remotest