



## THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL



I do so pity you having to look on these dreary roofs and chimneys continually" said a kind hearted visitor to a poor invalid. If you even had a window box of plants, now, that would be a pleasure to look at."

"But I have the best of gardens smiled the invalid. "It has many lovely nooks. It is the Garden of God, the church. There are saints to think of and admire as roses, lilies, violets, mignonettes; there are martyrs, virgins, humble saints and hidden saints of every day life only known by their sweetness. I have the garden of the Sacred Heart, too, and there I have a plot — my own heart. Our Lord lets me take what flowers I will from His garden for mine — that is, try to copy the virtues of His Heart."

"The sweet plant He gives me all for myself is the fragrant herb of content. I am more than satisfied and interested in my wonderful garden. I try to help Him, too, in weeding the church's garden; that is, by praying and offering my sufferings for poor sinners and for the dying. My garden is wonderful."



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