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HIS DISAPPOINTMENT... Again, expressing his disappointment at his own life, he says: "As for things that have influenced me I believe hard work, love of justice and of beauty, good nature and great vanity have done all for me that was worth doing. I've had my heart broken ages ago when I was a boy—then mended, cracked, beaten in, kicked about old corridors and finally I think fattened fairly out. . . I ought not to have written a word; but should have merely waited on Turner as much as he would have left me, putting in writing every word that fell from him and drawing hard. As it is I've written a few second rate books which nobody minds: I can't draw, I can't play, I can't ride, I walk worse and worse. I can't digest. And I can't help it."

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Our readers will remember how he writes of Craig Ellachie, a broken rock darkened with a few scattered pine trees and touched along its summit with a flush of heather, which stands in the minds of the inhabitants of the district, the Clan Grant, for a type of their country and of the influence of that country upon themselves.

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monk, Brahmin, Churchman, Turk, are all merely names for different madneses and ignorances; how nothing prevails finally but a steady worldly-wise labor—comfortable, resolute, fearless, full of animal life, affectionate, compassionate. I think I see how we ought to live, but my own life is lost—gone by. I looked for another world, and find there is only this, and that it is past for me. What message I have given is all wrong; has to be all re-said in another way, and is, so said, almost too terrible to be servicable.

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cere worker, who must be a destroyer of shams and a rebuke to idlers and triflers, has enemies. The young mayhap, the world's outcasts, the failures who are not in the way, the people who court cowardice which they miscall popularity are "popular" in a certain sense; but they venture to lift us out of the rut and to teach us new things and to batter down our tin gods, rarely win the plaudits of the crowd at once. They don't need them, for they have the testimony of their conscience. They are visionary and eccentric, labels by the way, which are affixed to the seer and hero by the ignorant and unthinking, but we can depend upon the common sense of mankind to reverse that verdict.

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when the principles of our Catholic morality, the dogmas and decisions of the Church are called into question, then must all considerations of cowardly complacency and craven compromise be cast to the winds; and the man who would be true to his name and faithful to his traditions, must take his stand boldly on the side of truth, regardless of personal consequences and bravely disdainful of personal peril, ever remembering the words of Christ Himself "He who denies Me before men I will also deny him before my Father Who is in heaven." And no wonder that Christ should brand with His anathema those police compromisers who would trifle with His truth, for, in the long and dolorous history of the struggle between truth and falsehood, every recorded concession made in the interest of compromise ended in disaster and defeat.

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the Church on the cross was shining her way into the hearts of the people. I had grown weary of the wayside crosses, the hideous barbarisms of Britanny, the painted monstrosities of Champagne, the ridiculous dolls of Loire Valley. Coming out from Lacroix, a farming village, near Tours, I stopped suddenly beneath a great cross looming from the wayside. On it hung a life-size image of Jesus. No garish glare of paint, no clumsy cutting of an unskilled tombstone maker; it was the Christ of Hoffmann. A modern Jesus, more human than that master of men who guards the portal of Amiens, more tender and loving than the majestic judge, who gazes out from above the rose window at Sens, the crucified Nazarene, the Son of God, Who lived a man's life, the suffering Saviour of the world was here. As I stood beneath that gentle, down dropped Face I seemed to hear an angelic voice crying across the centuries, "I am in my church, I lead my church ever by the way of the cross to the resurrection, to-day I, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, the Crucified."

CATHOLIC NOTES.

A new home for Catholic working boys has just been opened in Montreal, under the directorship of Rev. Daniel Holland, C. SS. R., rector of St. Ann's church. It is called St. Joseph's Home, and is already a great success.

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There recently died in Chicago a mother who had given seven children to the Church. She was Mrs. Catherine Hennessy. Rev. William S. Hennessy, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Rev. M. D. Hennessy, pastor of All Saints church, are two of the sons. There is another in a monastery and four daughters in the religious life. She was truly a mother in Israel.

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A number of the Brothers of St. Gabriel's Institute, who were compelled to leave France owing to the operations of the Associations Law, have now settled near Plymouth, England, where they intend to carry on the instruction of the deaf and dumb, in which work the institution was engaged in France for close on a century.

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The International Catholic Truth Society in the United States, comprising most of the Archbishops and Bishops, a number of priests and a numerous representation of the laity has recently been definitely recognized by the Holy See, the Rev. Dr. W. F. McGinnis, the president of the society, having received a letter to that effect dated Nov. 22, from His Eminence Cardinal Cardinal Merry del Val.

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The Catholics of St. Peter's Church, Poughkeepsie, New York, witnessed a wonderful event at the 5 o'clock Mass Christmas morning. After walking several blocks, Mrs. Mary Shepard, aged 104 years, appeared at the first Mass. She was celebrating her 104th birthday, having been born in Ireland December 25th, 1800. The old lady had certainly contracted the good habit of going to Mass. Doubtless fidelity to God has brought her many blessings during more than a century of years.—Catholic Universe.

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Rev. Father Arthur E. Jones, S. J., of St. Mary's College, Montreal, who has been at St. Louis exhibiting a number of paintings, manuscripts, maps and books belonging to missionaries, who invaded the district of Illinois during the latter years of the seventeenth century and the early part of the eighteenth, now has his valuable collection on exhibition at the Chicago Historical society. One of the principal exhibits Father Jones has on view is a portrait of Father De Smet, by Eschenbamm, painted in 1869.

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What is called the informative process, or the first formal step toward placing on the calendar of saints the name of a missionary martyred in New York, is under way before an ecclesiastical court in Quebec. The subject, who was a priest, Father Isaac Jogues, who was martyred by the Mohawk Indians on October 8, 1646, after suffering barbarous tortures. The spot in the Mohawk Valley where Father Jogues was killed is now called Antrieville, N. Y., and the Jesuits have a shrine there which is visited by many pilgrims. Miracles are said to have been wrought, though Father Jogues' intercession. It is expected that the ecclesiastical court in Quebec will be able to secure all the available testimony and have it forwarded to Rome before next summer. There it will be sifted further, but it is hoped that so much progress has been made that before another year New York will have its first formally canonized saint in Father Jogues.

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Prince Arthur of Connaught terminated his official stay in Rome with a visit to the Vatican. Rev. John Charleson, formerly of the Established Church minister at Thoraliebach, Scotland, was ordained during the past week at Rome, where he had been studying in the Scots College.

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M. B. A.—Branch No. 4, London, Ontario, at the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, at 8 o'clock, at their hall, on Albert Street, Richmond Street. Rev. D. J. Eggar, Secretary.