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Take heed to thyself and to doctrine: be earnest in them.

For in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.—I. Tim. iv, 16.

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A COMPLETE COURSE
OF
Instructions in Christian Doctrine

I. ON MAN'S LAST END

Greatly mistaken are those who believe and claim that the Christian life is made up of nothing but difficulties, denials and sacrifices. This impression is proof that they have never really tried to live this life. Had they done so they would know that it has more delights than difficulties. Charity, for instance, is, according to our Divine Lord, the essence of the Divine Commandments. Now what is more agreeable to the heart of man than charity and love? Love is life and strength, says St. Augustine, and he who loves his work feels not hardship, suffers not by fatigue, because he loves his task and finds his delight in it.

Dear brethren, the difficulties encountered in the Christian life are due mostly to the fact that the exalted destiny for which God has created us, and towards which our every desire and action should be directed, is not properly appreciated.

Many Christians are worldly minded. They love that which is vain, prize that which is deceitful, seek that which instead of satisfying the heart, causes but dissatisfaction and discontent.

God alone is our beginning (Apoc. i, 8), and must be our only and our last aim. Without Him we cannot find real peace nor true happiness. This truth will to-day form the subject of our contem-