

WE ARE NOT RICH!—But is it necessary to be rich to belong to the *Holy Childhood*? What do we ask? A COPPER each month, with a HAIL MARY every day. What child so poor but is able to fulfil these conditions? We see orphans every day who do not miss them, and if the poor child can, why cannot the rich?

WE HAVE OTHER WORKS!—Very well, but is the *Holy Childhood* an obstacle? On the contrary have we not seen, and do we not see daily that in place of charity abating, it only increases. You are afraid it will take a few farthings from you; but have you forgotten that it is written: *Give and it will be given to you*. Was it not for following this counsel that the widow of *Sarepta* saw her house filled with abundance.

WE FEAR TO HARM THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH! But is it not a fact that is proved, that where the *Holy Childhood* is most honored, the *Propagation of the Faith* obtains also the greatest success. Let us compare their figures. And how could it be otherwise. The *Holy Childhood* is addressed to a different class of persons; it addresses *children*, while the *Propagation of the Faith* addresses itself to *adults*. Again are these two works distinct? Have they not the same end? You cannot then like the *Propagation of the Faith* without liking the *Holy Childhood*.

WE HAVE NO TIME!—And what time does the *Holy Childhood* require? Is it not the collectors placed at the head of sections that do all? A few words from time to time to encourage them and no more. Can we ask less? But if more were required who would dare exclaim against