

but to purify himself from these faults of his weakness and thus to be more worthy to receive his Jesus, this little lad of ten years went to confession every day.

Thus without knowing it, he imitated the Saints who had this practice. One of his greatest delights was to kiss the crucifix of the Spiritual Father. As soon as he would see him, he would run toward him, saying:

"Father, the crucifix?"

The priest would give it to the child, who having kissed it lovingly would gaily rejoin his companions and recommence play.

"Iroudayasami," he asked him once, "what will you be later?"

"I shall be a priest! My mother, in dying, told me I should be a priset. I shall be one, then!"

"But, my child, to become a priest, one must work hard, be good, and love our Lord and the Blessed Virgin very much."

"Father, I shall do all that; then you will have to allow me to be a priest."

He had heard that, according to the Scriptures, the just man falls seven times. These words troubled him. He could not understand how such and such of his companions, who were so virtuous, and above all, how the Fathers whom he so tenderly loved and who were so good could sin seven times in a day! He was not content until it was well explained to him that there was question only of slight faults, due to inadvertence or to the natural weakness of the human heart.

Such was this beautiful flower of our Eucharistic garden. No wonder that the Sacred Heart desired to see it transplanted into Paradise.

Early on Saturday morning, April 23, the child was taken ill. One of his teachers wished to send him immediately to the infirmary, but Iroudayasami, who had carefully prepared his review for the week, begged and obtained permission to go to class. All during the morning he struggled against the mortal sickness which was upon him; no one then suspected the cholera; this terrible disease was not seriously thought of until half-past two in the afternoon, when he was sent immediately to the infirmary. There he found a fellow-countryman whom he