

ferred to gathering rosy apples' or watching busy harvesters but his good angel accompanied him....

Little Peter worked.

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About Candlemas little Peter had celebrated his seventh birthday. Shortly afterwards the great mission of S. . . , opened, and as it required prayer, much prayer, especially the prayer of little children to make it a success little Peter made his First Communion... and afterwards in obedience to the Pope, he renewed it every day, every day..."

And it was like a seeding of the good God falling in virgin earth, the seed bearing a hundred fold. It is true the daily seed that fructified so wonderfully was the good God, the Master of harvests.

Still, the Infinite Himself does not fructify equally in all earths... because all earth is not new, because much has been hardened by the incessant passage of men and things.... because some lack depth... because from the very beginning many are overrun with thorns and briars.

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O the good earth! the new and virgin soil that bears a hundred fold..., where can Jesus find it...?

He sought it long on the way of Judea and Galilee... He ended by finding it not among the Doctors..., but in the souls of the Little Ones...

Still they were not baptized those Little Ones of Galilee!

Yet, such as they were, He preferred them to all... He preferred them to Simon son of John, to James and to John, for he exhorts Peter and John, to become like unto them... if they wish to enter His kingdom... where only Little Ones are welcomed...

Behold why He wanted to begin by planting in the souls of the Little Ones. They were ready...

He asked that they be brought unto Him and He kept them near Him encircled with His caresses and endearments...

But to have them thus close to Him..., let us not forget, Jesus had to contend with His Apostles.