

Children's Corner

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DEAR CHILDREN,—

ALL things come to an end, and so with the long, happy days of vacation. How quickly they passed, and how full they were of pleasure, and, let us hope of profit too. Are you surprised at my saying that? Profit in play? Indeed, yes. How many of you know anything of the apostleship of study? 'Tis the children's special part of the League of the Sacred Heart, and the little ones can gain an indulgence by offering up their hour of play. Think of that. How sweet and winning the Sacred Heart is, and how much He must love the little ones of Christ, when He will even make their fun and frolic so many stepping-stones to heaven. That's just what indulgences are, like the seven leagued boots of Jack the giant killer by which we can make long strides into the blessed country, instead of mincing our steps and lagging behind. So set to work and find out all about this wonderful apostleship of study. The secretary will gladly write to any one who "wants to know," or better still ask your pastor to tell you all about it. Wherever the League of the Sacred Heart is, there too, should be the apostleship of study. Now that September has come and with it work of all kinds, let us pray for a good will and a ready hand and heart to do our best, our very best, wherever our duty lies. There is a very sweet and consoling feast which comes on the third day of Sept., that of our Blessed Lady's Seven Dolors, or seven sorrows. When those we love are sad or in trouble, how we long to comfort them, to put our arms around them and make them feel our love and sympathy. Why not do the same with our dear Mother

of sorrows, sweetest tenderest of friends as she is. Her heart craves love and sympathy even as ours do. Don't disappoint her, the sorrows are ours dear children—the sorrows hers. Let us take them out and do as she did to the sacred wounds of our Blessed Lord as He lay on her lap at the foot of the cross. Close them with our love. He who so loves the sympathy of warm hearts will reward as only God can reward those who are devoted to our Lady of Sorrows. He has promised it—and He will keep His word, Sympathy! beautiful word, even God who has all things, takes gladly to the offering of it from His creatures. Be generous then and give it to Him through his dear Mother and ours.

Devotedly,

CARMEL'S SECRETARY.

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PUZZLES.

XXXVI

Why is an umbrella like a pancake?

XXXVII

What did the muffin say to the toasting fork?

XXXVIII

What mechanic never turns to the left?

XXXIX

What animal took most luggage into the ark, and which the least?

Answers to Puzzles.

XXXII—Because he is easily seen through.

XXXIII—Because he is a thyme-keeper.

XXXIV—A gate.

XXXV—Effigy, (F. I. G.)

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TAKE care to confer about all that passes in your soul, with a spiritual and wise confessor, and whose counsel you must follow in everything.—ST. TERESA.

EVERY time that you receive Holy Communion, ask of God some particular grace as a sequel to that great act of mercy by which He has deigned to visit your soul.—ST. TERESA.