

tinue steadfast in the midst of all dangers and temptations, until after their last Communion they are admitted into the nearer Presence of their Lord, never more to be parted from Him.

The afternoon's doings have been chronicled elsewhere. There was much enjoyment for everybody at the pleasant tea afterwards in spite of its being interrupted by some somewhat hasty departures to catch the evening trains.

The holidays brought their usual avocations of house-cleaning, fruit-picking, and jam-making, but it was a welcome relief this year to have the houses free of workmen. The garden likewise rejoiced that it was not ruthlessly trampled upon.

The cherries were exceptionally fine, and we have had nearly a ton of them, though some were spoilt by the rain.

Seldom have wild berries been so abundant, strawberries, black, red, and some white raspberries, blackberries, unwholesome-looking gooseberries, with many other less well-known sorts. Much jam was made as the result of berry-picking expeditions.

When all the children that could go home for their holidays had gone, the seven who remained had the household duties divided between them, and then they settled down and prepared to enjoy themselves as soon as the day's work was done.

Sometimes they went to the beach, where they played in the sand to their hearts' content, building wonderful houses by the aid of a great deal of imagination and a few stones!

Sometimes they went to the brook, and now and again (as a much-coveted treat) leave was given "to fish," which was taken advantage of in a most unorthodox, but very effective way; everybody surrounded a small pool, into which every hand went at once, with small chance of escape for the little fish!

We had one or two very enjoyable tea-parties down on the beach in front of the School, when some visitors were here, and they were astonished at the beauty of the rocks and river, and the complete change of scene from that on the level land above. The children climbed about for berries and water-cress, or sailed paper boats in the river, while the kettle was being boiled among the rocks, and their elders sat and watched them, enjoying the picturesque beauty of it all.

When term began we thought we were very busy, with old girls leaving, and young ones doing unaccustomed work, but we found out what being busy really meant, when one Monday the