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#### Please Read This, Dear Santa Claus!

(A genuine letter from a nice little five year old girl.)

#### DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please send me a dolly with long hair, a table, a little rocking chair, chairs, and nice tea sets, a little desk, a little broom, a rocking horse for my baby brother, a diamond ring for Grandpa, a diamond pin for Uncle Willie, a little piano for me, and a carriage for my dolly so that I can wheel her, a little statue for me, and some new flowers and a vase for The Holy Infant. Dear Santa Claus, please send me your picture, I will give you something nice too. Send my grandma a box full of diamonds, and Uncle Ernest some new music. Send Aunt S three new books and a charm, for me a little stove, for my papa a new piano, mamma a gold cross and bracelet, lots of candy and toys to all the poor little children, and send me a nice Christmas tree.

NANITA.

[Amen! We will send marked copy to Santa Claus, dear Nanita!—Ed. C. R.]

#### ORITUARY.

"Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me."—Job xix, 21.

[During the past month we received thousands of names of deceased persons for whom prayers were asked. We would gladly publish all the names, but our readers can easily see how difficult it would be. Every name received to date has been placed at the feet of our Blessed Mother of Mt. Carmel, to whom our community makes daily suffrage.—Ed. C. R.]

We recommend to the pious prayers of our charitable readers the repose of the souls of the following:

THOMAS McCABE, Paterson, N. J.

WILLIAM A. HURLEY, whose pious death occurred lately at London, Ont.