

will is his motive, and his motive his will.

16.

Too great mental application for the purpose of rendering spiritual things sensible, warms the imagination and affects the head ; in like manner acts of will, which are repeated too often, and with too much violence, weaken and dry up the heart ; we should therefore use moderation in all things.

17.

Fraternal charity is the soul of virtues, and the paradise of religious communities.

18.

If we were deeply convinced of our incapacity, we should be careful not to put our reaping hook into the corn of another, nor to offer ourselves for a preference over other workmen, whom perhaps God has chosen for the accomplishment of his work.

19.

It is not the studied and refined eloquence of a discourse, that contributes to the salvation of souls. Simplicity and humility alone dispose and open hearts for the operations of grace.

20.

In addition to the grace which is merited by the practice of obedience, the Lord is also pleased to do the will of those who through love of him, submit their will to that of their superiors.

21.

As the members of the human body, aid and strengthen each other for the advantage and preservation of the whole body, so the members of a community ought to have a mutual condescension for each other. The learned, where there is no danger of error or of sin, should condescend to the weakness of the ignorant, the wise and the prudent to that of the humble and the simple.

22.

Families as well as individuals should look on it as a misfortune to be always tranquil, to see every thing succeeding to their wishes, and to have nothing to suffer for the love of God.

23.

No one should introduce himself to the functions of the ecclesiastical state, and particularly into dignities, both because he should imitate in this point the Son of God, who being a High Priest for ever, did not usurp its functions, but awaited the appointment of God his Father, and because he should conform to the rules of the Church, which forbid such presumption.

24.

The most glorious and desirable death is that which surprises us with arms in our hands for the service of the Lord.

25.

A superior should quit every other occupation, in order to listen to his subjects, and to give them time to explain to him every thing they wish ; he owes them this condescension, no matter how inconvenient it may be to him.