

Paul was received with acclamation, as that of an essentially popular French Saint.

The Conference decided, in short, that their charity should be done at their own expense, and that each person should contribute to it in proportion to his ability, the measure of which he alone should know and of which he should be sole judge. A collection at the end of each meeting would be for this purpose. It was made, at the end of the first meeting, by M. Devaux, who was appointed treasurer. A hat served as a purse.

The meeting concluded with the recital of the prayer *Sub tuum Praesidium*. The *Veni Sancte* and the *Sub tuum* were to each of the members a classical souvenir.

At the second meeting, a week after, each member was provided with a poor family chosen by him and for him with discernment. One of the members still perfectly remembers that the family that fell to him was that of a working carpenter, consisting of the father, mother, and six or seven children, living at the corner of the Rue de l'Arbalète, near the Rue Monffetard. Socur Rosalie welcomed, with her usual kindness, the Conference messenger. The tickets furnished by her were distributed.

At the third or fourth meeting, Lallier proposed the admission of one of his companions of Stanislaus, Gustave Colas de la Noue, a law student and the son of a Councillor at the Court, in Orleans. This proposal at first gave rise to some objections. Theirs was a meeting of friends, knowing each other for a long period and accustomed to the sweetest intimacy. Might not a new comer, known only to one of the members, cause some coldness in the meeting and thus risk destroying, or at least troubling, this cherished intimacy? On the other hand, did not charity, which they had taken as their guide, oblige them to receive a young man, a brother, until then alone, and whose isolation exposed him to many dangers, and to give him the support and concurrence of friendships that might be termed ready made, since they had as their