

could not fail to see reflected in them a man of no ordinary taste for fashionable life, and certainly forget the hard working overseer of the cathedral. I certainly could not be satisfied of his identity until I actually once more inquired his name; and yet I was pleased in some measure even though I learned that his equipage was only used to convey him on occasions of ceremony to Government House, or some such thing; but I could neither account for, nor excuse, his want of judgment in naming one of the fine animals that drew him "Daniel O'Connell," and the other "John O'Connell;" but so it is. Byron says "None are all evil," and I may be permitted to add, "None are all great."

## REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AT ROME.

### CHAPTER II.

#### CONCERNING THE COUNCIL OF DIRECTION.

Art. 27.—The Council of Direction is composed of a president, bearing the title of "Director of the Society," a vice president, a secretary, presidents of individual conferences, and other members chosen by the director.

28. The director should always be a priest. He represents to the society the person of his eminence the cardinal vicar.

29. He is to be elected by the members of the council, who are to submit their choice to his eminence the cardinal vicar, for his approval.

30. The director names the vice-president and the secretary of the council. He always calls to take part in the deliberations of the council, such persons as he shall think fit, in addition to the presidents of conferences, who are members ex-officio.

31. The director regulates the operations of the council, receives and puts motions, and presides at the general assemblies.

32. The secretary prepares reports of the sittings of the council. He keeps a register of the names, titles, professions, and residences of the members of the several conferences, of the date of their reception, and the names of those by whom they were proposed. He also discharges the duties of the secretariate in the general assemblies.

33. The Council of Direction occupies itself with the important undertakings and measures which interest all the conferences.

34. Its meetings ought to be held at least once a month.

### CHAPTER III.

#### CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

35. The General Assemblies are held annually on the following days:—8th of December, the day of the Conception of the Holy Virgin, the first Sunday in Lent, the Sunday of the Good Shepherd, the anniversary of the translation of the reliques of St. Vincent de Paul, and on the 19th of July, the Festival day of the Patron Saint. The

director has the power also to convoke extraordinary general assemblies.

36. Like the conferences, the general assemblies are begun with prayer and pious reading.

37. After the report of the last general assembly has been read by the secretary of the council, he calls aloud upon members received into the diverse conferences since that time, their names having been remitted to him for this purpose by the several presidents. These members rise, the secretary presents them to the society and to the director, who addresses them in a short allocution.

38. The presidents of the conferences then make their reports, concerning the state of those conferences. A summary of their reports, indicating the movement of members or of poor families, the total of receipts, and the amount of expenses, is deposited with the secretary of the council.

39. The secretary then reads the letters forwarded by those conferences, which have been prevented from sending a representative to the general assembly. He also reads extracts from any other letters which may interest the society.

40. The director then makes known the decisions adopted by the council of directors on the part of the society, and if there be occasion, he consults the assembly itself.

41. The director, or such one of the members of the society as he calls upon for that purpose, addresses to the assembly some words of Christian and charitable exhortation. The society considers itself fortunate when persons distinguished by their character, their virtue, or their knowledge, are pleased to be present at the general sitting, and to close it, so to speak, by some words of edification.

42. The assembly separates after the usual collection, and the prescribed prayer.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### CONCERNING THE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

43. The Society is composed of acting members and honorary members.

44. The acting members compose, in part, the conferences, and take an active part in its undertakings.

45. The honorary members are not present at the conferences. They are included, like the ordinary members, in all conversations that are held, in addition to the ordinary and regular sittings of the conferences. They ought to send every year a special offering, individually, to the treasurer of the conference. The reception of the honorary members is by the same forms with that of the acting members.

### CHAPTER V.

#### CONCERNING THE FESTIVALS OF THE SOCIETY.

46. The Society celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, and that of Saint Vincent de Paul, the conferences attend mass in a body on the 8th December, and the 19th July, and also on the anni-