

"They shall, for no very long time together, be employed in preaching, or in the direction of souls, for that might diminish their ardor for adoration." This principal point cannot be better explained than by the following words of Père Eymard: "When you came to knock at the door of this holy asylum," he used to say to his novices, "you were not asked what dispositions or what degree of virtue you possessed, or whether you had performed few or many good works. No. They simply asked: 'Who sent you?' Jesus Christ.' 'To whom do you come?' 'To Jesus Christ.' 'Have you any conditions to make?' 'None.' 'In that case, enter at once.'"

"You have been called to adoration. Will you kneel at this prie-Dieu and there be consumed like the candle before you? Will you be the servant of the Lord? Yes.' 'Come, then!'"

"You were told not to pay attention to your Superiors, but to go straight to God by yourself. He alone is the Master, your Superior and Director. We, esteem ourselves happy to be His substitutes and, like Saint John the Baptist, charged to say to you: 'There He is!' We withdraw after we have led you to Him."

"Serve Him and be content with your lot. As long as He will be satisfied with you, He will take care of you, and no one will find fault with you."

The religious perform a courtier's service before the Lord three times a day. They run over consecutively all the hours of the dial in order to share in the joy of the morning, in the sweet obscurity of the evening, and the religious gravity of the night.

"Consider the hour of adoration that falls to you an hour in Paradise," said the Venerable Founder, with inimitable grace. "Go there as to heaven, as to the Banquet of God. Say to yourselves: 'In four, three, two hours, I shall have an audience of love and grace with the Lord. He has invited me, He is expecting me.' If you should be marked for an inconvenient hour, rejoice the more. That is for you a privileged hour; it counts double. Should it happen that, on account of sickness, you are prevented from making your hour of adoration, regret it for a moment, and then unite with him who is substituting for you."