

M. Ozanam (Frédéric), born April 23rd, 1813, at Milan (Italy), of French parents, a second year's law student, living in the Rue des Fossés St. Victor. His father, a doctor at Lyons.

M. Lallier (François), born January 24th, 1814, at Joigny (Yonne), a second year's law student, living in the Rue St. Jacques. His father, a doctor at Joigny.

None of these young people had ever, until then, taken part in any pious association. If they had any political opinions, they were unknown to each other. With all of them the whole rule of human life was summed up in obedience to the Commandments of God and filial love for the Catholic Church, the guardian of those commandments.

The meeting, which was presided over by M. Bailly, opened with the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, and a short pious chapter (from the *Imitation*). They immediately resolved to adopt, as the fundamental work, the visiting of poor families at their homes. But as no one knew any poor people, or at least a sufficient number to enable each to choose whom they would wish to visit, it was arranged to ask Soeur Rosalie Rendu, of the Rue de l'Épée-de-Bois, for a list. She presided at the distribution of relief at the Committee of Benevolence of the twelfth *arrondissement* in the district of the Rue Monffetard. M. Devaux was directed to see her and ask her for this list.

It was at the same time decided that, as far as possible, the relief should not be given in money, but in kind, and by means of tickets on the various tradespeople. Whilst waiting for the meeting to get its own tickets, M. Devaux was to procure from Sœur Rosalie some of the tickets she used.

After a short conversation as to the name to be given to the association, that of *Conference* was adopted, through analogy with the name used by the other meetings to which the young people belonged. This name was besides quite inoffensive and one at which no one could take offence.

The *Conference of Charity* thus constituted, it became necessary to choose a patron. The name of Saint Vincent de