

siting churches, and admiring holy pictures; you think that this is true piety? Far from it, this is not what you should be doing. You should set to work and found a house for these poor girls who are being lost for want of care and of a way of living."

"These simple but energetic words made a great impression upon her hearers. They began to consider how they could best satisfy her, and when she returned to the charge the day was gained. One of them undertook to pay the rent of a house, another to furnish it: M. and M^{me}. Camilly promised the food required for the support of the penitents.

"A house near the Millet gate, opposite the chapel of St. Gratien, at Caen, was hired; on the 25th. November, 1641. the penitents were installed there, and, with the aid of some pious women who had consented to take care of this little flock, all was so far arranged by the 8th of December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, that they began to keep enclosure and to observe Rules drawn up by Father Eudes.

"He often visited these poor girls, gave them instructions in private, and endeavoured to provide temporal assistance for them, in order that they might acquire a taste for a mode of life so different from the one they had given up. Mgr. d'Angennes approved of all that had been done, and gave permission for the erection of a chapel in the house the spiritual direction of which was entrusted to Father Eudes.

Such was the modest origin of the Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.

Every good work meets with crosses and contractions, and it was not to be otherwise with the Congregation instituted by Father Eudes. St. Francis of Sales however assisted and encouraged him, and gave him from the Order he himself had founded, the Nuns of the Visitation, an energetic woman. Mother Patin and several companions. Aided by these she put the work on a solid footing, and when the infant community was able to take care of itself and had a competent superior to govern it, she withdrew with her spiritual daughters to her own monastery of the Visitation. Letters patent of institution were granted to the new community by Mgr. Molé, Feb. 8. 1651. These letters