

work of charity that exists. This was in 1641 and is thus beautifully described by his biographer.

"In his various wanderings, Father Eudes had often met with unfortunate beings, fallen angels whom want or passion had cast into the depths of depravity.

"Many of them when they heard the priest's words, longed to return from the paths of sin, for the greater their fault, the greater tenderness and compassion had he shown them, and he had never failed to stretch out a helping hand to them. But he knew that the world is merciless, and casts aside those who have given up domestic joys to become its playthings; he felt that he had little power to save these young women, whom his departure would leave destitute of shelter, support, and counsel; he saw that want and misery would again seize upon them, and plunge them more hopelessly into the abyss. Waifs and strays from the wreck, the surges seemed to play with them for a while, and then dash them against the cruel rocks.

"At his request some pious persons had received several of these unhappy beings into their houses, but such an expedient was attended with many practical objections. Father Eudes was anxious to place them together under the same roof, and to keep them under the special direction of those who would undertake to bring them back to a better life. The idea was good but difficult of execution, however God provided the means.

"A woman named Madeleine Lamy, who was herself in great poverty, had received some of these penitents into her lowly abode; she taught them to live according to the precepts of the Gospel, endeavoured to enable them to earn their bread, and provided for their most pressing wants by means of alms, which Father Eudes and other charitable persons placed in her hands.

"One day Father Eudes went with M. de Boanieres and M. & Madame Blouet de Camilly to visit a church in the neighbourhood. Madeleine Lamy appeared suddenly before them, and thus addressed Father Eudes' companions, "Where are you going Vi-