

he asserted in after-life, "who carried me in her arms during my youthful years; it was she who called me to the Society of her Son."<sup>1</sup>

This call to the religious profession was promptly answered by the young man; Charles decided to consecrate his life to God's service in the Society of Jesus. Monsieur Garnier, who evidently had other plans in view for his son, opposed this pious design and endeavored to dissuade Charles from the irrevocable step. He yielded, however, after he had been convinced that his son was not the plaything of a passing illusion; and nobly did he make the sacrifice. When the moment of separation came, he told the superiors of the Order that he was giving them a child, "who from his birth had never committed the least disobedience, and never caused him the least displeasure."<sup>2</sup>

Charles Garnier entered the Jesuit novitiate in Paris, on September 5th, 1624, and soon became a model of exact observance of the rule. His angelic modesty shone in a face beaming with happiness; he was held up as a "mirror of holiness" to those around him. So deep was the impression Garnier made on his fellow religious that all felt that his was a favored soul and that God had other gifts in store for him. After the young novice had completed his term of probation and pronounced his vows, in 1626, he was sent to study in the college of Clermont, one of the chief

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<sup>1</sup> *Jesuit Relations*, Clev. edit., vol. xxxv, p. 119.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 145.