

er about her, she saw no one but the Lord Jesus Himself. This valiant woman gave them material food for their bodies ; so likewise did she give them nourishment for the soul in the wise counsels that fell from her lips. To those able to work she taught the love of labor and economy ; to others she taught submission and patience in the hour of adversity.

Her charity was hidden. Seeing her so plainly clad, one could hardly suspect her to be the foundress of so many churches, convents and hospices ; to hear her speak, one would have judged her incapable of performing anything. Were any one to mention her charities in her presence, he at once became importunate to her. To attribute anything meritorious to her was to cast her into the uttermost confusion. Let it be remarked for our own instruction, that among the rich and wealthy of the world, or amid the throngs where indigence is treated with scorn and contempt, she was entirely unknown. She had learned the lesson of self-abasement and the law of sacrifice ; therefore shall her name live eternally. She built her house, not upon the shifting sands of public opinion, but upon the strong rock of christian charity. Hence, she reigneth today in the mansions of bliss, surrounded by those