



Reverend Mother Clare of Jesus

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OTHER Clare of Jesus was thus left alone to govern her Community, but was sustained by her confidence in Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and her assurance that in Him she would find all the help she needed. And this help and guidance she asked of Him simply and naturally; she even wrote notes to Him which she had placed on the altar and sometimes in the Tabernacle itself. Once when she had no money she was confronted by a creditor who demanded instant payment of six hundred francs. Full of confidence she sent all the Sisters to prostrate themselves in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; they had not been there many minutes when some one from whom no person could ever have expected it brought eight hundred francs. Mother Clare discharged her debt and her face was radiant as she said to the Sisters: "What an excellent Master Jesus is and how sweet it is to labor in His service."

Vocations became very numerous, consequently new houses were opened first in Belgium, then in England and America. Mother Clare co-operated with Rev. Father Ulseberghs. S. J. in re-adjusting the Constitutions of the Institute; but especially did she give it her spirit, and in her conduct a perfect model of what a Religious of Saint Mary should be.

She was a living rule. At all times and in all places she might serve as a model; moreover it was her constant study, the one she considered the greatest of her