

soon came to seek her. She rose, imprinted one last kiss upon those lips, where a happy smile was lingering still, and then she followed the nun, her arms folded meekly on her bosom. Agnes met her at the door—she drew her sister towards her,—they gazed wistfully upon each well-known face, then they fell into each other's arms, and lifting up their voices, they wept aloud. It was but for a moment: Agnes withdrew, and the sisters met no more upon earth. But their souls were often blended together in prayer: and in patience and humble hope they awaited the day when they should meet once again upon the bosom of their Lord—that guiltless and that pardoned one!

## Spiritual Maxims of Saint Vincent of Paul.

### SEPTEMBER.

#### 1.

We should treat our neighbour with kindness, bear his faults and imperfections with patience, and seek to gain him to virtue by those means which a tender heart that is filled with christian charity knows how to use.

#### 2.

We ought to learn from Jesus Christ to be meek and humble of heart, and ask him unceasingly for those virtues; we should be particularly careful to avoid the two contrary passions, which would cause us to destroy with one hand what we seek to raise with the other.

#### 3.

The use of general confessions, is necessary to remedy the defects that are often found in those that are not made with due dispositions.

#### 4.

Little things which we do to please God, do not expose us so much to the danger of vain glory, as other actions of a more excellent nature; the latter often vanish like smoke.

#### 5.

Many rest satisfied with the sweet entertainment which they enjoy with God in prayer; but if there be a question of mortifying themselves, of bearing sickness, humiliations, or other disgraces with patience, their courage fails. However, we should not deceive ourselves, the apostle declares, that our works alone will follow us into the other life.

#### 6.

The salvation of a soul is so important, that in order to procure it, we should expose not only our property, but our life.

#### 7.

May God vouchsafe to preserve charity and fraternal love in the hearts of all christians! By means of the mutual assistance which they would then afford each other, the strong would sustain the weak, and the work of God would be accomplished.

#### 8.

The zeal which accompanies the