

zation. When the holidays were over, all members met again in Paris, and M. Bailly resolved to give a regular written rule to the Society of Charity. He charged Lalier to draw it up, reserving to himself the writing of the preliminary reflections.

He, at the same time, endeavoured to obtain special room in the faubourg St. Germain, where the section of the same name might henceforth meet, and form, with the Conferences of St. Phillippe du Roule and Boune-Neuville and the section St. Jacques, four branches of the same stock, entirely distinct. This room was kindly given, in the house occupied by the Society of St. Francis Regis, Rue Cassette, at the corner of the Rue de Vaugirard, by M. Gossin, its President, to whom the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, of which, later on, he was to become President General, was at that time unknown. He admitted the section Saint Germain, only on the condition that it would be presided over by Chauraud, who was personally known to him, as a member of the Society of St. Francis Regis.

On the 8th December, 1835, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and one of those celebrated by the Society, M. Bailly placed the rule before the general meeting, it being preceded by the reading of the preliminary considerations drawn up by himself. These considerations, which were taken almost verbatim from the writings of Saint Vincent de Paul, were so perfectly adapted to the ideas and views of all the members, that they were adopted with the fullest and most perfect sympathy.

After the reading of the rule, M. Bailly, taking henceforth the title of President-General of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, appointed Leprevost as Vice-President-General, Brac de la Perrière as Secretary-General, and Devaux as Treasurer-General. These four members formed the Council of direction of the Society.

The section Saint Germain, taking the name of Conference of Saint Sulpice, had Chauraud for President, Le Taillandier as Secretary, and Delalice as Treasurer.