

the daughters of Mary of Louvain ; and reorganized the Order of Bernadines, in Belgium ; but his most cherished work was the institution of the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur, a short account of which we subjoin.

In 1819 Father Minsart desired to open a sewing workshop, for the poor young girls of Namur, and two pious persons accepted the charge. The following year others joined them, shortly afterwards a school asked for by the inhabitants was added to the workshop. Into this small assemblage of fervent noble souls, Rosalie, was admitted on the seventh of February 1831 ; and she it was, humble village seamstress, without much education and none too robust health that God chose to be the real Mother of this new Congregation.

From the very first day Rosalie, was remarked for her gentleness, nor was it long before her angelic piety, sincere humility, perfect obedience and constant mortification edified all her companions. Father Minsart with his spiritual insight soon saw the wonderful treasures of grace stored in her beautiful soul ; the trials he made her undergo showed what a high opinion he had of her rare virtues.

The morning of the Assumption, he entered, just as the girls were going to Church for Communion, and knowing the holy ardor with which Rosalie awaited the coming of the Divine Spouse especially on this glorious festival he said to her sternly : " You are not worthy to go to Communion. Go to the kitchen." What a blow for poor Rosalie ; but she simply turned back and did as she was told ; humility and obedience were too firmly rooted in her heart to permit the slightest murmur.

The most laborious and humiliating tasks were assigned her : washing ironing, sweeping, tilling the garden, yet, in the midst of all, her soul remained so intimately and continually united to God, that this spirit of recollection was reflected in her exterior. She was so engrossed in trying to do as perfectly as possible whatever work she was engaged in that she was unconscious of what was going on around her.

In 1834 the Founder gave to his subjects, then numbering sixteen, a religious costume and the title of