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Organised Charity.

The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore.

Byron.

The resolution unanimously adopted at the public meeting held in the Board of Trade on Tuesday last seems to promise that a most useful charitable organization will soon be established in Montreal, and that its successful working will be assured by the co-operation of the whole community. What zealous work on the part of a few ladies and gentlemen can accomplish was shown by the attendance at the meeting, at which fully three hundred persons were present. Although several excellent speeches were made, the best explanation of the admirable scheme was undoubtedly given by Mrs. George A. Drummond. No one will be found to dispute the conditions laid down by her as necessary to the success of the suggested organization—first, that there should be women in the scheme; second, that the governing body should consist, as far as possible, of representative business men, and, third, that everyone should make use of it. She referred to the evil of indiscriminating alms-giving, and reminded the meeting that the Charity Organization Society was not for the purpose of dispensing alms, but for supplementing the work of existing charitable societies and individuals and rendering it more effective.

With the aim and purpose of this society, no one can possibly quarrel. To remove the conditions which create poverty, to improve the homes of the industrious poor, to attempt the rescue of the shiftless and miserable, and to relieve genuine distress, such are some of the objects of those who are devoting their time to the charitable work of the city of Montreal and every good citizen will cheerfully contribute to the success of the Charity Organization Society.

No one, particularly at this season of the year, will hesitate to pay the debt of pity and compassion, of relief and succour, due to human nature, and payable from one man to another. In paying this debt, organized charity is better than indiscriminate alms-giving.

Senator Mason of Illinois.

The Senate galleries at Washington are reported to have held a large audience on Monday last, to hear Senator Mason, of Illinois "resoloot" in favour of expressing the sympathy of the United States with the Boers. It is pleasing to read in the account of his performance that there was no interruption thereto. But for the cruel remarks of Senator Lodge who followed Mason of Illinois, we would be inclined to infer from this lack of proper appreciation and applause on the part of those who listened to Mr. Mason for an hour and twenty-five minutes that they were unable to give proper expression to their feelings. This gentlemen expressed the wish that Mr. Mason might have delivered his address in the British Parliament. There is a significant ambiguity to this wish. Can it be possible that Senator Lodge would like to rid the American Senate of Mr. Mason by transferring him to the British House of Commons. Our suspicions of Senator Lodge are increased by his moving the resolution which consigned the senseless vapourings of this demagogue from Illinois to—"the committee of foreign relations."

If scant courtesy was shown to Mr. Mason by the United States Senate, it is not surprising. He is the same gentleman who annoyed his countrymen in April, 1898, by his noisy screaming for war, "a glorious war to set the Cuban flag in the sky forever." In the course of the speech from which we quote, he said: "Mr. President, I speak only for myself, and I am for war."

Perhaps the shelving of Mr. Mason's latest resolution in the course of which he denounces British policy in South Africa was hastened by his colleagues holding in mind that the public declaration of his belligerent intentions in April, 1898, has never been followed by any proof of his willingness to fight.

Senator Mason answers to the burglar's description of the alarm bell, in having "a loud tongue and an empty head."