

spent seven weeks collecting in the Eastern States, and though they reached Montreal with only a cent in their possession which they dropped at St. Joseph shrine, inviting him to accompany them on their mission, they returned with the goodly sum of \$1,600, which manifested the kind manner in which they were received. Another collecting tour was cheerfully undertaken by Sr. M. Elizabeth (Stafford) and Sr. M. Patrick to New York State, where, notwithstanding, the hardships to be sustained on such a trip in the early seventies they were amply repaid with a generous purse. These tours, in addition to a very successful bazaar, held in 1873, with net proceeds of \$3,400, brought sufficient sum to pay off all indebtedness on the new house erected in 1871. But what afforded greatest happiness to the striving little community was that in the new building they had a more fitting abode for their Divine King of the Tabernacle than previously, for though they had revealed many a heartache to their Hidden Master in the old chapel, and had naturally grown quite attached to the holy place, yet they not unwillingly bade farewell to its sacred precincts to enter a more becoming and larger house of prayer.

### ***The First Mission Fund.***

At this juncture our saintly founder, Rt. Rev. E. J. Horan, acceded to the urgent request of Rev. P. J. Harkins, of Holyoke, Mass., for the establishment of a branch house of the order of Sisters of Charity in that city. Early in November four Sisters, Sr. M. Edward, Sr. Mary of Mt. Carmel (Byrne), Sr. M. of the Cross (Keating) and Sr. M. Patrick betook themselves from their loved Mother House, the administration of which had a short time previously passed into the gentle but firm hands of Mother Mary John (O'Donnell) to undertake the strenuous work of caring for the sick, the poor and the orphans, and later to train the minds and hearts of the boys in the city schools of Holyoke. Like the grain of mustard seed, this mission has grown to a mighty tree, under whose quiet shades many an orphan, many a patient and many a