

As to the collection to be made in the City parishes, and those of the *Banlieu*, I will arrange as to time and mode with the MM. the *Curés*, and the members of the Committee formed in 1857 to accompany *Mgr. de Montréal* in his visits throughout the City, and to assist him in the means to be taken for rebuilding the Cathedral: in due time I will have announced these particulars at the *Prônes* of the several churches. In the meantime any offerings that may be sent here will be thankfully received.

As I said above this is a Diocesan work, one in which all should take part poor and rich, young and old alike. In our Colleges therefore, in our Convents, in our Schools and even in private families, the children I feel sure, will make it their pleasure to put aside every year, some few pence from their New Year's gifts, in order to contribute to a work whose necessity and importance they will when older better understand.

And what young man is there who will not be glad to make once a year the sacrifice of some pleasure trip, concert or kindred amusement, to give the cost thereof to the work of rebuilding the Cathedral?

What young girl is there who will not take a pride in stinting herself in some ornaments of her dress, so that she may throw the price thereof into the treasury of so honorable a work?

In the Old Testament, in the Book of Exodus, we see how, at the voice of Moses, the people of God with hearty good will, promptly offered for the construction of the tabernacle the first fruits of their goods. Men and women brought forth their chains, their earrings, their rings and their bracelets; all the vessels of gold were put on one side to be presented to the Lord; with cheerful hearts, men and women made their offerings to complete the work which by Moses, the Lord had ordered. I dare not ask such precious gifts from you; but what I do desire is