

A REMARKABLE RECORD

HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S ORPHAN BAZAARS, FROM THEIR INCEPTION TILL 1885.

THE idea of a Bazaar, to be held each year for the support of the Orphans of St-Patrick's Asylum, originated with a society of Irish Ladies, belonging principally to the St-Patrick's Congregation, in the year 1848. Their first Bazaar was held in Oct. 1849 in the St-Lawrence Hall, then newly built but not quite finished or occupied, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Ladies of Charity by Mr Corse the owner, and a Bazaar was held in the same month, with but one exception, every year down to 1884. In 1885 it was not considered prudent to hold a Bazaar on account of the great prevalence of small-pox. For that year, the Ladies provided for the wants of the Orphans as best they could by collecting on their lists and holding their Raffles in private. From 1849 to 1884, both years included, thirty-six (36) Bazaars were held without interruption, and realized in the aggregate the very large sum of *one hundred and thirty-five thousand and ninety-nine dollars and thirty-six cents* (\$135,099.36). This remarkable success is owing to the universal sympathy felt for the poor Orphans, and which was shared in fully as much by Protestants as by Catholics. These Bazaars, like many other good works, sprang from small beginnings, the first (in 1849) realized £130, (\$520) the second (in 1850) realized £275, (\$1060), from which it grew up to a maximum of \$5000 and over, at which sum it remained for many years making the magnificent sum of over \$135,000 in thirty-six years as seen above.

The Society of Irish Ladies, that conducted the Bazaar from year to year, changed its Lady president only *five* times during the whole period of thirty-seven (37) years. The names of these worthy Presidents deserve to be recorded. The first was Mrs. Charles Wilson, Madame Vallière de St Réal, Mrs. M. P. Ryan, Mrs. William Brennan, and the actual President, Mrs. Edward Murphy. In the case of all these Ladies, a gentle force had to be used to decide them to accept the honor of President. The fear lest the dear cause of charity should suffer in their refusal was common to all. Hence God blessed their labors, in which every member of the Society took a willing part, and the work of charity continued to prosper in their united hands, because the true spirit of charity lived in their hearts, and kept them all together as members of one and the same family.

It must in justice be observed that for very many of these years the wonderful success of the St. Patrick's Bazaars has been due, in no small measure, to the fostering care and heart-warm encouragement of the venerable and beloved pastor of St. Patrick's, Rev. Father Dowd.

We are pleased to learn that the Ladies of charity of St. Patrick's Congregation early in May last, unanimously resolved to postpone their Annual Bazaar for the Orphans from October, the month it was always held in, till November next, to allow the Ladies of that parish full opportunity

of working for St. Peter's Cathedral Bazaar; we are happy to see that a large number of those Ladies are working for that grand object and we hope that in consideration of their having postponed the Orphans' Bazaar that they will be rewarded by the very general support of the benevolent to that most deserving charity.

EDW. MURPHY.

Montreal, 20th September 1886.

OBSERVATION IMPORTANTE

Nous constatons avec regret que plusieurs dames du bazar ont mis de côté le costume réglementaire. Cet habillement, qui doit distinguer les zélatrices des simples visiteuses, n'a pas été adopté sans de graves raisons, et ne saurait être mis de côté sans qu'il en résulte de grands inconvénients. Ici, comme dans une armée, comme dans une communauté religieuse, le costume est l'auxiliaire de la discipline, et la sauve-garde de l'ordre. Que l'on soit donc très-exactement fidèle, sur ce point, au règlement, si l'on veut que le *bazar* s'achève d'une manière aussi satisfaisante qu'il a commencé et ne donne lieu qu'à des éloges et à des félicitations

"IN FIDE ET LENITATE"

Pour accomplir de grandes choses, pour gouverner le monde, l'homme a deux forces mystérieuses, plus puissantes que le génie, que l'or et que les armes.

Il a la foi et la douceur.

La foi transporte les montagnes, comble les abîmes, anéantit les distances. Elle opère des miracles, commande à la nature et animant la prière de l'homme, le rend fort contre Dieu même.

La douceur possèdera la terre, en s'emparant des cœurs. Elle attise les âmes les plus rebelles et les domine par l'amour.

C'est dans la foi et la douceur que Moïse et David gouvernèrent autrefois le peuple de Dieu; c'est dans la foi et la douceur que les apôtres et leurs successeurs ont gouverné et gouvernent encore l'église de Jésus-Christ.

J. DESROSIERS.

Patriotism will increase in Canada as its history is read. No province of any ancient or modern power has had nobler names interwoven with its local events.—

Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

Policy is unworthy of a Christian, whose motto should always be sincerity.—*Anon.*

He who does nothing is very near doing ill.—*Montaigne.*

One good mother is worth a hundred school-masters.—*George Herbert.*