

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE
LADY PATRONESSES' ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.

LADIES,

The modest report I have the honor to submit to you must open with a tone of sorrow since in it are recalled all the events of our association for the passed year. Our first meeting after the vacations (September 1889) was given in great part to the regrets caused by the demise of our worthy director, abbe Rousselot, which had occurred a few days previously. Although ill for a long time, this venerable priest so zealous, had sufficed to fulfil the numerous positions he had imposed on himself and his death could not therefore, but leave a void exceedingly difficult to fill. At our request, the reverend Superior of St. Sulpice on the 5th of October said a Requiem Mass at the Hospital for this generous benefactor of the Institution and recalled to our memory in a few heartfelt words the virtues and benevolence of the regretted deceased. May God acquit towards this generous worker in charity the debt of gratitude which the Hospital owes to him whose memory the poor, the sick and the afflicted of Montreal will ever bless.

Let us render, Ladies, a just tribute of regret and of gratitude to our associates to whom Death has estranged us this year: Mrs. John Ostell, Wilfrid Prévost, H. C. Cadieux & John Cassidy, whose generous souls are gone to receive the reward of their good works and of their devotion to the poor of Christ.

The annual dinner was given to the patients in the 9th. of January. His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, did us the honor of being present and of blessing this feast of charity, given at the Hospital for the eighth time. It was in 1882 that our association, then at its birth, realized that happy suggestion of its first president with such success as the report of our first secretary has made known.

I shall name no one, Ladies, but is it not soothing to recall the first days of our association? It is still in its infancy but its annals are already rich; our elders have given us beauti-