

Jubilee Bazaar

1904

The committee has now definitely arranged to hold the Bazaar on 16th, 17th and 18th November 1904, and has taken the Cutlers' Hall for those days.

In view of the fact that the preliminary arrangements were made so far in advance perhaps it will be well to set forth the object of the undertaking here.

The sum aimed at is £1,000 to carry out the terms of the following resolution passed in Committee on the 20th February 1903 and thereafter agreed to by a duly called meeting of the congregation: –

“That a maximum sum be fixed for the necessary repairs (Heating and Lighting), and that the balance be first applied to clearing off the debt on the Church property, with a view of the rents or buildings, being utilized as may be afterwards arranged, for proving a Manse Fund.”

Already a good deal of work has been done by the Ladies' Work-parties, but as the time is rapidly drawing near (and the credit of the Church is at stake by the result of the effort) it would be well if the whole congregation would go heartily into the work, and see it carried to a successful issue.

If the ladies, upon whose shoulders the bulk of the work must fall, will rally in all their strength at the various work parties no one can doubt what the result will be.

These work parties meet in the Ladies' Room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3. Tea at 5. Young ladies at same hour on Saturday. Sunday School work Party at Mrs. Goodsir's 428 Ecclesall Road, on Thursday at 6 o'clock.

N. Finlayson. Hon. Sec .

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“Old Edinburgh”

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The Objects of the Bazaar are:

To provide for the improved heating and lighting of the Church

To free from a debt of £800 a property belonging to the Church in Filey Street, in order that the rents may be applied to the payment of a Manse rent for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Patrons

The Rt Hon. The Countess Fitzwilliam

The Rt Hon. the Earl and Countess of Wharncliffe

The Rt Hon. C. B. Stuart Wortley, K. C. , M. P. and Mrs. Stuart Wortley

Sir Frederick Thorpe Mappin, Bart. M. P. and Lady Mappin

Sir John E. Bingham, Bart. and Lady Bingham

Colonel Sir C. E. Howard Vincent, K.C.M.G., M.P and Lady Vincent

Alderman J. R. Wheatley, J.P. (Lord Mayor)

Alderman Sir Charles Skelton, J.P., and Lady Skelton

Alderman Batty Langley, M. P. , J. P.

Samuel Roberts Esq , M.P. , J. P. and Mrs. Roberts

Alderman W. E. Clegg, J.P. and Mrs. Clegg

Alderman Franklin, J.P. and Mrs. Franklin

Alderman J. Wycliffe Wilson, J.P. and Mrs. Wilson

Councillor Joseph Jonas, J.P., (Lord Mayor Elect)

Alderman R. Styring and Mrs. Styring

Openers

16th November The Lord Mayor of Sheffield

Councillor J. Jonas

17th November William Chesternan Esq., J.P.

18th November Alderman J. Wycliffe Wilson, J.P.

Stalls

Edinburgh Castle

Cardinal Beaton's House

Bruntsfield Golf House

Holyrood

White Horse Close, Canongate

Bow Head Corner House

John Knox's House

Canongate Tolbooth

Moray House

Refreshments

Weighing Machine, Height Measurement

Hat Trimming Competition

Nail Driving Competition

Post Office

Shooting Gallery

Football and Goal

Fairy Well

Lion's Head Bran Tub

Music by

Callum's Blue Imperial Band

Children's Operetta – 'Daisy Darling's Dream'

Grand Scottish Entertainments – Scottish Songs, Pipers, Sword Dances etc.

An effort such as we have come through is a big thing, how big only those in charge can realise. Some of these have been pressed day by day and haunted by night with responsibilities from which it was a great deliverance to be free. The effects, we fear of the strain upon some of our self-denying workers will be felt for some time. But neither will the event be forgotten for a long time, nor will its influence upon our cause cease to an end soon. Those who have worked hardest feel that the success achieved was worth all the effort.

From far and near friends rallied to our Bazaar, to express their admiration at the scene it presented. Our 'Old Edinburgh' book, bound in Stuart tartan with the beautiful engravings so kindly lent to us by Edinburgh publishers, had aroused widespread curiosity as it circulated freely through the city. There had always been a measure of anxiety that in a more important respects our appeal to the interest of the public might not be adequately represented. And with our slender backing in a large city it was a question whether we could count upon the patronage necessary to secure the success of a £1,000 Bazaar. The appearance of the great hall on the opening day entirely disposed of some of these anxieties.

Our 'Old Edinburgh' was not unworthy of the name. Those who came to see it – and they were any – were not disappointed. As a mere scene it gave pleasure to any eyes. And the more practical part about which some were anxious – the furnishings of the stalls – was quite satisfactory also. The hands of the ladies had not been busy in vain. The stalls were loaded with goods. Tables and annexes had to be improvised to display what was crowded out. The useful and ornamental were blended together, and it was clear at the first glance that whatever the "outcome" of the three days' sale might be the "income" was there. That in itself was a cause of thankfulness. St. Andrew's had once more proved that when as a congregation it resolved to do anything it did not know how to fail. For this great result we owe a debt of gratitude which will be difficult to repay to many generous friends outside as well as to the well organised and long continued preparations among ourselves.

As to the other all-important matter, the patronage of the public, there soon remained no occasion for anxiety. People came, in numbers, from city and country, and they came to buy. Of course there was no raffling. Raffling is the futility of weak brethren, who lack faith and business capacity. The dissipation of shillings in raffles stops legitimate buying, and dissatisfies nearly everybody. Much of the discredit attaching to bazaars arise from this unwholesome practice. We have proved once more how successful a Bazaar can be on straightforward lines. We certainly owe much to our friends of all religious denominations, who took full advantage of the opportunity of showing their friendship. It was, as the Revd S. Chorlton described it, "a gathering of the religious clans." When the workers left with a cheer at the close of the first day, it was evident that with one half our amount realised the effort would be crowned with success.

The remaining days did their part, quietly in the afternoon and busily at night when the entertainment rooms were crowded to see and hear what had cost us much labour and care in training to produce.

The selling departments went in full tide then also, and the scene was strikingly attractive. Friends met from many parts, and old friends turned up to greet us and help our cause.

The old banqueting hall was not the least attractive department of the Bazaar. Where all did their best it seems invidious to praise any in particular, but the luncheon and refreshment department, which was served so largely by outside friends gained a well-earned need of praise from all.

Among the many entertainers who charmed our visitors we must not fail to mention the children, for their praise was on every lip.

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