**Beecroft Bazaar 1906**

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BAZAAR. - The bazaar organised in aid of the building fund of St. John's C. E., Beecroft, was opened last Friday afternoon, in the School of Arts Hall, in the presence of a large gathering, continued that evening, and again on Saturday afternoon and evening. There had been much preparation and planning for the event, with the result that the general scene presented was most attractive. The opening-ceremony was performed by Mrs. Harrison.

The Rev. J. Young, rector of the parish, in introducing the subject of the opening, referred to the excellent work that had been done by the parishioners. None had done more than Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, and it was but fitting, therefore, that Mrs. Harrison should be asked to open the bazaar. It was very kind, he said, in her to consent - and she had honoured them in coming to perform the ceremony. He also expressed the pleasure he felt at having present among them on this occasion, the old rector of the parish, Mr. McIntosh, and Mrs. McIntosh, who had come all the way from Manly. Archdeacon Langley referred to the fact that he had for some 30 years been associated with the Rev. J. Young, in church work, and it therefore gave him sincere pleasure to be present on this occasion. He complimented them upon the sale of work they had got together and said his experience of sales of work was that they assisted in direct giving. There were many earnest Christians who were not very rich in this world's goods, and who could not, therefore, afford to give with money, but

who felt it a privilege to be able to give, or to assist, in other ways. The Lord loved the cheerful giver, and such gifts as these were highly prized. He expressed the hope that he would be spared to be present at the laying of the foundation of the new church. The Archdeacon then asked Mrs. Harrison to open the bazaar. Mrs. Harrison said she had very much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open, and: wished it every success. A vote or thanks to Mrs. Harrison for having opened the bazaar was carried by acclamation. The audience then turned their attention to the stalls. The Plain and Fancy Work stall contained a great variety of plain sewing and fancy work, and was superintended by Mrs. Young, Mrs. Skellett, Mrs. Twine, and Miss Harris. The Sweets Stall, which was charmingly decorated in white and silver, was in charge of Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Antrobus, Miss Harrison, and Miss Seale. The choir stall was very attractively arranged, the decorations, consisting of imitation wistaria - so good that it might easily have been mistaken for the real thing - and white lattice work, attracted general admiration. The contents were knick-knacks, and the stall was in charge of Mrs. Brodrick, assisted by Misses Sherring (2), Misses Antrobus (2), Misses Harris (2), Miss Ogden, Miss Wild, Miss Newton, and the gentlemen of the choir. The Cake Stall contained a very large and choice variety of cakes, home-made biscuits, etc. It was decorated in buttercup and white, and was superintended by Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Slingsby, Miss T. Brown, Miss Slingsby, Miss Murray, and Miss Ashcroft. The Flower Stall occupied a central position, and in form resembled a Chinese pagoda. It was decorated with green wreathing and white acacias, and was in charge of Miss Constance Ogden, assisted by Mrs. Kerry, Miss Effie Murray, Miss Rofe, Miss Meadmore, Miss Long, Miss Higgs, Miss Katie McMillan, Miss Vera March, and Miss Fernleigh. The Produce Stall contained hams, cheeses, fruit, vegetables, eggs, etc., etc, and was assiduously attended to by Mesdames Herring, McCall. Marsh, Cliff, Smith, Hodgson, Nicolle, and Newton, and Miss Bibby.

The Refreshment Stall was the largest of all. A space had been canvased off, occupying almost the whole length of the building. This was supplied with every convenience, and the “bill of fae”' was of the best. This important department was attended to by Mesdames Holcombe, Birkenhead, Starling, Hartley Sargent, and Melbourne Green, and the Misses Brush, Young, Harrison, Tucker (2), Bryant, Bibby, Wallace, Best (3), Whittle, Alcock (2), Holcombe, Lyon, and Brown. The colours worn were white, and the tables were decorated with pink roses and maiden-hair fern.

The various competitions attracted considerable attention and apart from the revenue producing element were productive of much friendly rivalry. The wood-carving was won by Mrs. Skellett; bottled fruit and jelly, Mrs. Shipton, who also secured several other prizes; orange conserve, Miss Brush; heaviest fowl, Mrs. Ellis; best-dressed fowl, Mr. Andrew; taffy, Miss Alcock; fruit jellies, Miss Newton; point Iace, Mrs. Antrobus; shadow work, Miss Harris; plain sewing, Miss Holcombe; rainbow cake, Miss Wallace; scones, Miss Ashcroft.