FIRE CHAPLAINS OF NEW YORK.

As a fire signal rings in the quarters of Hook and Ladder Company No. 7, in East Twenty-eighth street, near Third Avenue, "Third alarm for Broadway and Reade street. The chaplain goes!" shouts the fireman on house-watch. A half dozen men in blue shirts are on their way down the shining brass poles to the ground floor. They hear their comrade's words, and all turn to a buggy that stands beside the big truck. One of them leads under the hanging harness a sleek, well groomed trotter, who seems to know exactly what is expected of him, the harness is lowered, the snapping of the collar is the work of a second, and the rig is ready.

This was on a recent Sunday afternoon, and the streets and avenues were clear for the run. The chaplain's home is the rectory of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, in Twenty-fourth street, near Sixth avenue. In the rear of the third floor is the study and bedroom of the Rev. William St. Elmo Smith, one of the best known members of the Order of Fathers of Mercy, who was selected by Archbishop Corrigan to become one of the two chaplains of the Fire Department.

Father Smith knows his wagon is approaching the rectory as fast as a horse can fetch it. His reading of the priest's office is interrupted by the same signal that has caused the commotion in the truckhouse, a half mile away.

While the wagon is crossing the city Father Smith doffs his cassock and beretta and dons the heavy blue coat, with its gold buttons, and the cap, with its cross above the trumpets—the uniform denoting the rank of a fire chief. His boots and rubber coat and the big white leather helmet are beneath the seat of the wagon. He hears the familiar sound of the chime bell at the Sixth avenue crossing, and he hastens to the front door to meet the buggy.

Broadway on a Sunday is a favorite thoroughfare for fire wagons going north or south. There are few vehicles other than trolley cars moving on it, and good time can be made. Father Smith has gone the route many times before, and he decides to take it on this occasion.

The clanging bell warns every one at the crossings, and the chaplain urges his horse to top speed. In the distance the smoke from the fire and a dozen engines that have already got to work can be seen rising above the sky-scrapers.

"Looks like a hot one," the chaplain remarks to his aid, and a touch of the whip sends the horse along at a livelier clip.

A few more blocks, and the fire is reached. The chaplain drives over a couple of lines of hose, and halts by the side of a moving engine. He leaps from the wagon, and while his assistant blankets the horse the priest-fireman takes off his shoes and dons his heavy fire boots. From under the seat he takes his big fire hat, and a rubber coat completes the outfit. Thus armored for the battle, Father Smith appears among the firemen ready to risk life itself to succor them.

This is a sample of the everyday life of the two chaplains of the Fire Department. Frequently the alarm sounds in the stillness of the night, when the chaplains are asleep, and the call of the bell breaks their rest as it does that of the firemen in quarters.

The chaplains have had many narrow escapes from death at fires, but their thrilling experiences seem only to make them take greater chances in their work. In times when fires are not raging the chaplains work in harmony for the betterment of the morals of the brave men who risk life and limb every day. They visit the various engine houses and talk to the men on their duties as Christians, and encourage them to be good as well as courageous. The chaplains are always welcome in quarters, for the firemen realize that the men of the Church are laboring for their own good.

But it is at fires that the chaplains have shown themselves most fearless in the discharge of their duties. Both respond on all third alarms, and each on second alarms in the immediate neighborhood of their homes. At all of the large fires they come in contact with the higher officers of the department.

Besides attending to the spiritual wants of the firemen, the chaplains are responsible for many temporal benefits to the men in whose cause they have enlisted themselves. Fighting fire on a cold winter's night for hour after hour without nourishment is sufficient to try the nerve of any man. The chaplains realized this when they responded on their first night fire, and they promptly made arrangements for a supply of boiling hot coffee to be sent to the scene of danger at their call. When they believe the fire will be a long one the message for the coffee wagon is sent out, and when it reaches the fire they take personal charge of it, and see that the men in dangerous places inside the building or on adjoining roofs are supplied.

Instances of self-sacrifice on the part of the chaplains for the firemen are common. Only recently Father Smith, at a fire in Park Place, near Church street, learned that several firemen were in the smoke filled cellar unable to get out. Seizing a lantern from a nearby hose wagon, the priest descended a 20-foot ladder into the inky darkness with its pungent odor. He was soon lost to view, but he reappeared in a few minutes leading several firemen, who held in their arms the prostrate form of a chief of battalion who had fallen in the battle. It was only the head of a procession of victims up the ladder on the street. In an adjoining building the victims were laid out upon long tables. One of them, a fireman attached to Engine Company No. 27, was in a critical condition. It was feared he would die. The priest knelt by his side, and while those around uncovered their heads he gave to the unconscious man the last rites of the Church.—New York Tribune.

ONE DEPARTMENT IN MERCANTILE LIFE.

To open 20,000 letters a day is in itself something of a task, but Sears, Roebuck & Company, of Chicago, receive and answer that many letters every working day in the year.

To do this and to fill the orders contained in that mass of letters, a small army of men, women, boys and girls is employed. The correspondence itself is attended to by 100 dictators, each dictating to the graphophone, while nearly that number of typewriters transcribe the letters from the graphophone cylinders.

Shorthand is almost done away with, some heads of the departments having stenographers, the rest of the dictators using the graphophone exclusively.

Sears, Roebuck & Company do not receive their letters from the ordinary postman. Immense wagons, somewhat similar to the large mail wagons used by the Postoffice Department, are employed in bringing the mail from the postoffice in the mail sacks.

It is received in the mail opening department of the company, where forty girls are kept busy opening the letters and giving them the preliminary sorting.

This consists in taking from them the money, and marking on the letters the amount of money contained in each and the shape in which it was received—check, money order, currency or stamps.

Even the opening of the envelopes is done by machinery, an emery wheel arrangement grinding the ends of the envelopes, thereby opening about 200 in a very small fraction of a second.

Here also the letters are separated from the orders. The orders are entered on the record sheets and sent to the various departments to be filled. The letters are sent to the mail sorting department proper, where fifty women read the letters, ascertaining the wants of the writers.

After this sorting the letters are sent to the various departments, which are indicated by special slips attached to the communications.

A large number of these letters are requests for catalogues, and in order to answer these form letters are used.

Those not calling for catalogues go into the hands of the correspondents in the various departments, who get them ready for answer.

Here the letters are answered, the correspondents or dictators using the "talking machine" in preference to stenographers. Every half hour the graphophone cylinders are collected by boys and taken into the graphophone department, where typewriters transcribe the answers.

These answers are then taken back to the correspondents with the original letter, who read them and check them for corrections, and then send them to inspectors of correspondence, who in turn pass on them, in order to insure accuracy and neatness.

After this they are sent to the mailing room and made ready for the mails. A carbon copy is kept of each letter, and these are filed by States.

This, in brief, is the system pursued by this firm in handling the great amount of mail received daily. It gives, however, but a general idea of the method employed in all departments of handling these letters.

There are a hundred different departments, and each one has a system of its own, and to enter into the various ramifications and details would take too much space.

This illustrates the value of a carefully planned system for handling the details of a large business so that each of the many departments fits into its proper place in the whole and all work together without friction.—Exchange.

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A Task for the Cook.—A good story is told of a certain "nouveau riche" whose desire to "show himself off" was only exceeded by his ignorance. At dinner one day one of his guests, a well-known literary clergyman, said: "I dined at X's, and he gave us a capital epigram at dessert." The "new rich" was humiliated. He had no epigrams. After his guests were gone he called his cook. "Didn't I give you carty blanchy for this dinner?" he demanded. "Yes, sir—you did, sir," replied the cook. "And didn't I tell you to have everything that anybody had?" "Yes, sir—you did, sir." "Yes. Well, now it seems that at X's they have epigrams at dessert, and good ones, too, and folk miss 'em when they come here. Now you'll have to serve up epigrams, and, what's more, cook 'em better than anyone else!"

Irate Passenger (scrambling into a Hammersmith omnibus that did not stop): Suppose I'd slipped and lost a leg, what then? Conductor: You wouldn't have had to do any more jumping then, sir. We always stop for gents with crutches.

McJigger: I see you've got a parrot. Thingumbob: Yes, and he's the wisest bird you ever saw. McJigger: Says a lot of clever things, eh? Thingumbob: No, never says a thing. That's where he shows his wisdom.

NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the Parish of Notre Dame de Montreal will apply to the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, for an act to better define the rights of the grantees of burial lots in the Cemetery of Notre Dame des Neiges, and those of their heirs also to make more complete the dispositions of the laws now in force concerning the administration of said cemetery.

TAILLON, BONIN & MORIN,
Attorneys for the Fabrique of Notre Dame de Montreal.

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Men's Enamel Horsehide and Pat. Colt, Skin, also Box Calf Boots, made by Williams, Kneeland & Co., of Boston. Regular $6.00. For $3.75.

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Women's Fine Dongola Kid, Laced and Button. Regular $3.00. For $2.25.

Women's Fine Dongola Kid, Laced and Button. Regular $2.25. For $1.50.

Misses' Fine Dongola Kid, Laced and Button. Regular $1.50. For $1.10.

Children's Fine Dongola Kid, Laced and Button. Regular $1.35. For $1.00.

Boys' Box Calf and Grain Leather, all sewn. Regular $1.50. For $1.10.

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Lot Men's Rubber Sole Boots—Regular $3.00. For $2.00.

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The testamentary executors of the F. X. Beaudry Estate will petition the Legislature of Quebec to obtain certain powers as to the conditions of the loan mentioned in the 1 Edward VII., Chapter 93.

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A big range of fancy colored Dress Goods in newest winter colorings, up-to-date material. Regular prices range from 45c to $1.45. Special sale prices 23c, 31c, 41c, 50c yard.

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Fancy Colored Zebiline Dress Goods, rich tweed effects in brown, maroon, royal, navy and green. Regular 80c. Sale price, 57c.

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40-in. Unbleached Table Linens	25c	20c
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Ladies' Chemise, good cotton, with embroidery, 45c to $2.50.

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All with 25 p.c. off, less 10 p.c. extra for cash.

Ladies' Drawers, good cotton, deep hem, 6 fine tucks, 35c.

Ladies' Drawers, good cotton, wide at bottom hem, stitched tucks, 40c.

Ladies' Drawers, good cotton, Embroidery trimming, 4 fine tucks, 40c.

Ladies' Drawers, good cotton, Lace and Embroidery trimmed, 50c to $6.00.

Ladies' Corset Covers, good cotton, with narrow frill, 25c.

Ladies' Corset Covers, good cotton, Embroidery trimmed, 40c to $4.75. Less 10 p.c. Extra for cash.

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Fine Heavy Ribbed Wool Overalls, for children, in white, red or black, were from 75c to $1.00, for 60c.

Boys' Real Unshrinkable Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, were from 75c to $1.00, for 60c.

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