

The report that Mrs. J. J. Hill, wife of the railroad magnate of St. Paul, Minn., has promised the handsome sum of a million and a half dollars to the proposed new Catholic Cathedral there, lacks confirmation. Mrs. Hill, only a few years ago, made possible the founding of a Catholic seminary in that city by donating \$750,000 towards the good work. We wish we had a few of her kind in this Canada of ours.

Rev. J. W. McMillan, pastor of St. Andrews church, Winnipeg, in his sermon Sunday evening took occasion to come out fairly and squarely in favor of religion being taught in our public schools. In the course of his remarks the Rev. gentleman said in part, as reported by the Telegram:

"Man in the very act of founding society realizes religion; without religion there is no society; at its root, in all its customs throughout all its laws, religion runs; and society is only where religion has begun to be." There has never been a nation yet which has not been founded on religion; people can only be kept from rebellion, and moral suicide by religion. A nation's wealth lies in its people, in their strength and character rests the place they shall occupy in the nations of the world—religion in schools. The lack of religious teaching in our schools is the weakest spot in the future outlook, if instead of putting into children's heads so much that could be dispensed with, we were to develop their force of character and desires for good, we should be placing the future standing of the nation on a better footing."

The Women's Mission which has been in progress during the past week at St. Mary's Church under the direction of the Passionist Fathers, was brought to a most successful close yesterday afternoon. The exercises of the mission were participated in by practically all the women of the parish and the inspiring preaching of the eloquent missionaries, deeply touched the hearts of the large audiences which assembled every morning and evening.

At the 5.30 o'clock mass each morning there was a most satisfactory attendance, and again at the 9 o'clock mass the body of the church was always well filled. At the evening services the attendance was beyond expectations and yesterday the missionaries expressed themselves as well pleased at the result of the women's mission.

The mission for men was opened last evening and will be continued until Sunday. The opening service was well attended, the congregation, which was wholly composed of men, filling the large church to the very doors and many additional chairs were added to the usual seating accommodation.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Cunningham, who for an hour held the breathless attention of his vast audience, and with his wonderful eloquence swayed his hearers as few congregations have ever before been affected in this city. The Rev. Fathers who are conducting the mission are both most powerful orators, and their visit here will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on those who have the good fortune to attend the services.

The exercises of the mission for the coming week will be as follows: Masses with instruction at 5 to 8 o'clock, each morning, and reserve with sermon each evening at 7.30.

Father Cunningham announced last night that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week they will give a mission to non-Catholics. There will be nothing controversial introduced into this mission but a simple exposition of Catholic truth for all non-Catholics who may care to hear it. An interesting feature will be a question box. Non-Catholics will be invited to write out any questions they may desire and deposit them in a box near the entrance to the church. This box will be opened each evening and the questions answered by the missionaries.—Telegram, May 23.

Mrs. Upperfloor.—I suppose you have heard the latest order the janitor has promulgated?

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