

## OUR WORLD'S FAIR LETTER.

(Special to the Manitoban.)

Doubtless many of the department chiefs and executive officers of this great exposition will be glad when the morn of November 1st next, dawns, for then at least they will be free from present fault-finding. Those tenants of the exposition who have reared their homes and villages along Midway plaisance, have some reason to be dissatisfied with the manner in which the officials have treated them. They one and all paid large sums of money for the privileges granted, and many pay a royalty or percentage on their receipts. They were assured that darkness should be made as day, and yet up to the present time, the plaisance is not lighted at night, and no one seems to know when it will be. For the most part, they who have builded their towns and cities are foreigners, and speak in many tongues, and should be treated fairly in this matter, but somehow the officials, after getting the advance money have forgotten that it takes at least two to make an agreement, the first and second parts, in the fact that they have ignored the second party, and possibly legal measures may be resorted to in order to bring them to a realizing sense of their duty.

The question has many times been asked, what does it cost, and how far will 50 cents go? You can make the cost what you like, and 50 cents pays for admission into the Fair proper, all the state and exposition buildings, and also to the Midway plaisance, which is a broad avenue connecting Jackson with Washington park. Along this plaisance many foreigners live and work, just as they do at home, and we who cannot afford to visit these countries, can through this means get a correct idea of their habits and industries. These people make a charge of 25 cents to 50 cents. With this exception the admission fee of 50 cents admits you to the fair from 8 a.m. until 10 at night.

It has been decided by the local directors to keep "open house" on Sundays, even though the board of directors repay the government the \$1,929,000 donated them. This, however, is subject to ratifi-

cation by the national commission. Some restrictions have been incorporated in the resolutions, such as relieving the employees from work, as far as possible, stopping the dance of the belts and wheels in machinery hall, and adding the holding of religious services and singing of Moody and Sankey hymns. There is no question as to the popularity, and good sound horse sense in the stand thus taken. . . Open fair Sundays means peace and quiet in Chicago, and less recruits for the whisky cure institutes.

We hope that the visiting editors and publishers will take back to their homes, kind thoughts of Chicago. This will be a year of World's Fair congresses and conventions, to be convened in this city and the knights of the quill were about the first to come among us. Many of them have had a taste of the exposition and have gone home to return with new recruits later on.

In the woman's building all last week Mrs. Rover lectured on the cooking question. Certainly there is room for improvement in that respect in many of our homes, and if the women folk want to learn the way to a man's heart they should travel the road to his stomach.

The weather has been pleasant, though cool, and quite agreeable to sight seeing.

The popular concerts held at noon, daily, attract a good deal of attention, and are destined to become what their name indicates, popular.

Canada's future governor-general, Earl of Aberdeen, was given an informal reception in the Canadian building, which is now complete. It is two stories high and built of native material. The different provinces each have a room, and are finished in the woods of that particular province. The reception was held in the main hall, which was decorated with flags and ferns, and about three hundred people were present, including the Countess of Aberdeen.

During the week, the memorial art palace, situated on the lake front foot of Adams street was dedicated. During the next six months, many World's Fair congresses, auxillaries of the World's Columbian Exposition, will hold their sessions in this building, and during that time many