

honest and in earnest, are men who deserve well of their day and generation—and, besides, they are becoming such a power in the land that no one can afford to treat them with contempt. We do not analyse all that Mr. Debs said. We don't say that we agree with all his conclusions, but we do unhesitatingly assert that men of his stamp are deserving of more than passing consideration—and if that consideration is not freely given now the time must inevitably come when it will have to be given under pressure.

The question of the appointment of a new chief of the Winnipeg Fire Brigade has been worrying our city fathers of late and at the time of writing it looks very much as if there are three or four favorites for the position. Judging by the past history of the council we shall not be surprised if none of those now named are selected. We remember, for instance, how when a new fire hall had to be built several sites were suggested each of which had its supporters, but as none of these could be agreed upon, the council by way of a compromise between the different factions eventually chose a site which none of them really wanted or thought would be in the best interests of the city. It will not surprise us, therefore, if a dark horse wins and an applicant not now named finally gets the appointment. We hope that a Canadian will be appointed and we unhesitatingly approve of the minority report presented by Alderman Mitchell. We cannot understand the necessity of going to the United States for a fire chief when we have competent men who have served long terms on the local force and who seem to possess all the qualifications needed. We do not take much stock in the contention that some of the men recommended have had charge of brigades in cities like Minneapolis, for it is well known that political considerations rule every important appointment by municipal corporations in those places, and fitness for the post cuts little figure if the political faith of the applicant is not agreeable to the majority of the aldermanic board which has the office in its gift. It is a pretty safe rule to follow to give all our best offices to Canadians; we have just as good men here as ever will be found abroad; and the people as a whole will be best pleased if this is recognized by the powers that be.

We are glad to know that the good word we said last week for the Valentine Stock Company, which is still appearing at the Grand Theatre, has been more than justified by what they have since accomplished. They have quite maintained the high standard of excellence which they achieved during the opening week, the plays they have put on and their rendition of them being all that could be desired. Rarely have the Winnipeg public seen a more beautiful performance than they gave of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and the very liberal patronage they received shows that the theatre goes here are discriminating and know and can appreciate a good thing when they

can get it. This week they are putting on the famous historic drama "The Three Guardsmen," which deals with the affairs of France when the great Cardinal Richelieu was such a power in the land. One important point with this company is that their scenery and costumes are always historically correct; thus every play in which they appear besides being entertaining in the highest degree is invariably instructive and adds to one's understanding of past history and the social conditions of the times and peoples depicted.

AUDITORIUM BAZAAR.

CATHOLIC LADIES TRANSFORM THE BIG RINK INTO A BUSY MART.

The bazaar in aid of the building fund of St. Boniface cathedral is now in full swing and the interior of the Auditorium rink is for the time being transformed into a busy mart at which for the balance of the week a number of devoted ladies will give their best efforts to the disposal of a collection of valuable and handsome articles which have been gathered for the purpose. Three immense tables, representing the three parishes, St. Boniface, St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception, are simply loaded down. The St. Boniface table is in charge of Mrs. S. A. D. Bertrand, who is ably assisted by Mesdames Betournay, Cyr, E. Guilbault, Lemieux, Lamontagne, Béliveau, Dubuc, A. Prendergast, D'Amour and Senez. Mrs. N. Bawlf, who presides over the St. Mary's table, is assisted by Mesdames Marrin, McIntyre, Cass, P. Russell, Cauchon, Vassar, Weiss and Guilmette. The president of the Immaculate Conception table is Mrs. F. W. Russell, who is assisted by Mrs. Germain, Mrs. A. Bernhart, Mrs. J. Bernhart, Mrs. Lauzon and Mrs. Kelly, and to this stall is attached a pretty flower stand in charge of the young ladies of the parish. A refreshment table is in charge of Mrs. Bernier, assisted by a number of ladies, and the waiting rooms have been converted into attractive dining halls where meals will be served every day and evening by Mrs. Lecomte, assisted by Mesdames Theo. Bertrand, Paradis, Milord, Mondor, Laurendeau, Gosselin, Phaneuf and R. Guilbault, with a bevy of young lady waitresses. There will be special attractions each evening. The most important will be fancy drills by the boys of the St. Boniface Industrial school and it is safe to predict that this feature will be a revelation to all those who have not already seen it. A fish pond and other side shows will also add to the enjoyment and amusement of the patrons of the bazaar and nothing will be left undone by the management to please those who attend.—Free Press.

Mr. Frederic Guernsey, Mexican correspondent of the "Boston Herald," says that the people of Mexico do not care to be disturbed by Protestant missionaries. "If you tell these good people that there is a deal of paganism here among the poor and degraded, they reply: 'Well, do we burn Negroes, do we lynch helpless Italians, do we spend Sundays in tormenting people of color? Why don't you have one law for the poor and the rich, and why do you look for the mote in our eye without casting out the beam in your own eye?'"

Rev. Father Cherrier has received news that the steamer in which the long-expected bells are stowed away, has reached Quebec. The bells will be here this week or next.

Words From the Heart.

A NOVA SCOTIAN FARMER TELLS HOW HE REGAINED HEALTH.

HE SUFFERED FOR YEARS FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE, SICK HEADACHE AND RHEUMATISM—ALTHOUGH ADVANCED IN LIFE HE HAS FOUND A CURE.

From the Enterprise, Bridgewater, N. S. Solomon Meldrum, Esq., of Upper Branch, Lunenburg Co., N. S., is a gentleman of Scotch descent, and well known throughout the county. He is an agriculturist of repute and is prominent in the local affairs of the Baptist denomination. Referring to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, he says: "I consider them a most wonderful and beneficent revelation in the realm of medicine. Previous to using these pills some two years ago, I had suffered for years from kidney trouble and rheumatism. Many a time had I been so bad that I could do nothing but endure the pain and pray for physical deliverance. My advanced age, being nearly 70 years old, made a cure look almost impossible, humanly considered, in a case of such long standing. But thanks to the Lord and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I am here to-day in excellent health with scarcely an ill feeling to remind me of past sufferings. Something over two years ago I read of the wonderful cures attending the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I thought if these testimonials are true it is possible the pills may benefit even me. I bought six boxes first, used them strictly as directed, and with the Lord's blessing they did me much good. But my ailments were chronic, deep seated, and I am an old man. The cure was not complete and I got twelve boxes more with all faith in the result. I only had to use six boxes of the second lot when I found myself quite free from kidney troubles, rheumatism and all other bodily ailments, except the disability incidental to persons of my advanced age, and even these were in a measure relieved. I may add that for a long time before I used the pills and when I began their use, I was the victim of the most distressing attacks of sick headache, the sensation of sea-sickness in extreme violence being not a whit more distressing. These attacks came on once or twice a week. After taking the pills, the attacks became less troublesome and finally ceased almost entirely. My son who lived at a distance took the remaining six boxes and stated to me that they did him much good. This I do know, that he looked much fresher and appeared in better spirits after their use. Believing as I do that an over-ruling power suggests to mortals all the wise and beneficial thoughts and inventions which operate to improve our race, and allay and cure our suffering, I say again that I thank the Lord and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for my prolonged life and present good health. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is enclosed in a wrapper bearing the full trade mark, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. If your dealer does not keep them they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Great enthusiasm is displayed by the volunteers throughout the Dominion. Every one hopes to be selected for the Canadian contingent that is to go to the Transvaal.

CARDINAL GIBBONS AND THE REPORTER.

In a character sketch of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, contributed to the illustrated supplement of the New York Times by Raleigh Colston Smith, occurs the following interesting anecdote:

Upon one occasion, so the story runs, in Baltimore, a young journalist was sent by his chief to interview His Eminence upon a topic of local interest. When the interview was over, the Cardinal and his caller had a friendly chat upon a variety of subjects, including the Church. The journalist was a Protestant, and in the argument that followed he became excited and expressed himself freely from his point of view. Upon returning to his office he reflected upon the outcome of his visit, and came to the conclusion that he stood a fair chance of being discharged should the Cardinal repeat the conversation to his editor. The next day His Eminence dropped into the newspaper office in question and asked to see the proprietor, who was his personal friend. The reporter was told of the call and quaked in his boots. The publisher and the Cardinal discussed a matter of mutual interest to them, and before leaving His Eminence said: "By the way, you sent a young man to see me yesterday, and I was rather impressed with him. He appears to have the courage of his convictions. It would please me if you could do something better for him." Within a month the reporter, who anticipated dismissal, received a gratifying promotion.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface started for St. Malo yesterday morning, in spite of the cold drizzling rain. Thence he will proceed to St. Pierre-Jolys for the blessing of the cornerstone of the new church, on which occasion Mgr. Langevin himself will preach instead of Rev. Dr. Trudel, who was announced to preach, but who is detained here by the needs of the cathedral parish, all the work of which falls on him during the Vicar-General's illness.



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