GOSPEL SERVICE IN POLICE COURT

Ashers, Evangelists, Preach to Dregs of Humanity Taken from Cells.

WEEP AT WOMAN'S TALK

Preacher and Wife Advance on Jersey City to Continue Their Slum Work.

Jersey City's dingy police court became a place of worship for an hour to-day while the Rev. William Asher and his wife preached to the prisoners, the policemen and the spectators assembled there. Having held services in nearly all the saloons in Paterson under the general management of the Rev. Wilbur Chapman, the Ashers are now working in Jersey City. Yesterday afternoon they talked at the county jail. To-day it was the police court.

By agreement with Police Justice Frank Higgins and Chief of Police Murphy the unfortunates who had been rounded up Saturday and Sunday were brought into court a half hour ahead of time. They packed the big wire-barred cage until they stood upon one another's toes. There must have been fifty of them in the flimsy dock—town drunkards, women in bedraggled motley; neighbors who had fallen out and fought over their clotheslines or their babies; victims of saloon rows, bandaged like so many sore thumbs, and all the rest—soiled remnans of humanity awaiting judicial soap and water on a Monday washday.

Regular Police Court Crowd.

The audience was the usual police court audience, too. Policemen, lawyers, witnesses and loafers filled the aisles and scrooged together on the benches. But there was a new touch in the picture. Beside the desk of the Justice stood a little portable organ. Near it sat little Mr. Asher, nursing a Bible in his hands, and at the door stood his wife, the only woman evangelist who ever worked in Jersey City, welcoming each newcomer with a request to stay and hear what she had to say.

They all stayed. And they all gave her such reverent attention that the silence only broke when a woman sobbed or a man scraped his uneasy feet against the floor. Mrs. Asher began the service. She sat down at her little toy-box of an organ and sang a simple gospel hymn in a voice as clear and flute-like as a wood thrush's. When she got to the chorus the last time nearly half of the crowd were singing with her. Some who didn't sing wept.

Then the pretty little woman in her prim bonnet and simple black gown said in a soft, sweet voice that now and then broke with the tremor of her emotion:

"I desire to speak to you men who are prisoners here as a mother, and so far as possible in the spirit of that beautiful hymn 'Mother's Love,' which says, 'None on earth loves me so much as mother.'

"That is true, but the love of God is greater and lasts for eternity, whereas the love of mother ceases at the grave. God loves us all, but you prisoners, who have fallen from grace, more than any others. It is for you that He gave His only begotten son. It was to cleanse your sins that Christ died on the cross."

"You stand here to plead your cause before Judge Higgins, who can grant you pardon for only your sins against the law of the State. Some day you will have to stand before God and beg for mercy for the sins recorded against you in heaven.

"If you accept Jesus your shackles will be broken and you will be free men instead of prisoners in the grasp of the law and in the clutches of sin. Don't mind the jeers of your companions in sin when you determine upon a better life. If you are serious they will say: 'Go on, old fellow; you're all right.'"

Listened in Reverent Silence.

The prisoners, men and women, listened to the little woman in reverent silence.

She got the audience in just the right pitch for her husband. Mr. Asher took for his text the two words, "Dead broke." A cultured congregation could not have followed him, but his police court hearers did. He clothed his appeal to do right in the jargon of the street, and his slangy phrases were cut straight to the understandings of his hearers. One of them said:

"We fell fur dat little guy right away. He's all to de good—him and de lody, too."

At the finish he asked all those who expected to lead a better life to stand up, and a good many of those who weren't standing to begin with got up on their feet.

"God bless you," said the little preacher, and the service was over.

Services in the Jail.

At the county jail yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Asher held services in the corridor for eighty prisoners charged with crimes ranging from assault and battery to murder. Six are charged with murder. One seventeen-year-old girl, locked up awaiting trial for petty larceny, fell on her knees when Mrs. Asher sang and prayed for forgiveness and strength.

MRS. POOLE, DEAD ON WEDDING EVE.

Mrs. Florence B. Poole.

BRIDE-TO-BE DEAD ON EVE OF WEDDING

Plans Had Been Completed for Mrs. Poole's Marriage to Dr. Gunn To-Day.

HER GUESTS SHOCKED.

Bidden to Celebration Feast They Learn of Her Death from Heart Failure.

Mrs. Florence Ballou Poole, who was to have been married to-day to Dr. Robert Gunn, of No. 60 West Ninety-second street, lies dead in her handsome home, at No. 870 West End avenue. She died on the eve of her wedding, and guests bidden to her marriage supper last night paid their respects to her memory instead. Her mother and two brothers are at her house and will accompany her body to Bridgeport, Conn., to-night. She will be buried to-morrow among her revolutionary ancestors in the historic burying ground.

Mrs. Poole and the doctor had been friends for many years and their many acquaintances were delighted at the announcement of their marriage, which was to have been celebrated to-day at 2 o'clock. The wedding supper was to have been eaten at the bride's home last night. Mrs. Poole's mother and two brothers, of Bridgeport, Conn., had been invited and were preparing for their visit when they received the telegram announcing her death.

Mrs. Poole was stricken early yesterday with heart failure. She had been unusually well for some time, and her friends and Dr. Gunn, who had been her physician for years, thought she had entirely recovered from the affection of the heart from which she suffered some years ago. She made all the preparations for her marriage and the supper, and went to bed Saturday night in high spirits, having just returned from a visit to her mother in Bridgeport, where she had enjoyed a few days with her family in the old home. Her maid was awakened by a scream coming from Mrs. Poole's room early in the morning and rushed to her side. She found her unconscious and summoned the doctor at once, but before he reached the house she was beyond relief.

Mrs. Poole was a prominent member of the Daughters of the Revolution, and a member of several women's clubs of importance. She was deeply interested in the welfare of working girls, and was also prominent in the movement for public playgrounds for children. She was born in Albany, N. Y., about forty years ago, and married George E. Poole when young. Her husband died several years ago, leaving her a fortune, and she continued to reside at her home in West End avenue, where she gathered around her a large circle of warm friends.

Funeral services will be held at the residence to-night at 8 o'clock, and the body will be taken to Bridgeport and interred in the family burying ground, where her ancestors, Capt. Elijah Beach and Capt. Benjamin Hawley, of Revolutionary fame, sleep with other members of her family.

THE CHRISTMAS WORLD, OUT NEXT SUNDAY.

There are some marvellous new toys this year. The toy-makers seem to have used their best ideas this year and the result is a lot of novelties that will delight the eye of every child. The Sunday World has collected pictures of the best of these, and a page of them will be shown in the Christmas number next Sunday.

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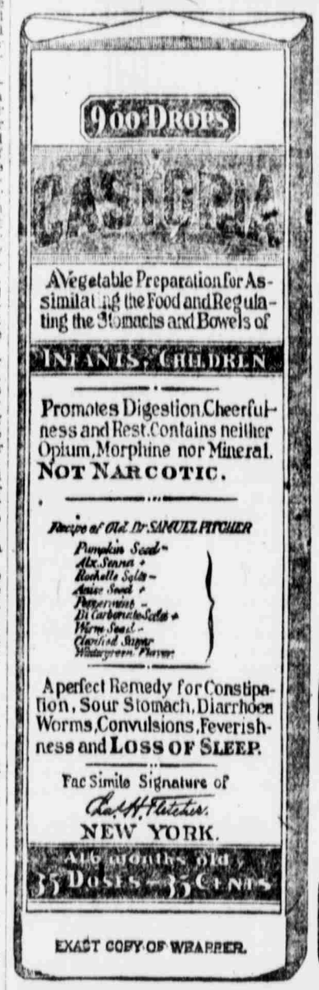

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