

MINNEAPOLIS CHURCHES AND THEIR WORK FOR GOOD

GREAT THINGS AHEAD FOR UNION MISSION

CHEAP, CLEAN LODGINGS ON LARGE SCALE DESIRED.

Work Begins Soon for the Collection of a Fund with Which to Enlarge the Plant—This Feature of the Original Plan Has Never Been Fully Realized—Will Be Mills Hotel of the West.

Prominent business man, not officially connected with the institution, has observed the great need of carrying out the original plans of the Union City mission, when it acquired the St. James hotel and have undertaken the task of raising \$50,000. This sum, it is thought, will be sufficient for a thorough renovation of the hotel after all indebtedness has been paid, and as an investment for the material and moral betterment of poor men is deemed wise enough to warrant the hope that the \$50,000 will be easily raised.

The St. James hotel is a paying proposition at present, but the limitations of the \$50,000 would not prevent its staying for itself for many years. Until the incumbency is cleared away and the place remodeled it will not be possible for it to perform the functions for which it is intended. With the debt constantly facing them the officials, too, are hampered and the hotel now is but a suggestion of what it will be when the expectations of its backers are realized.

The men back of the movement to raise the fund necessary to put the hotel and mission on its feet are of a caliber that almost insure early success. With the money in hand improvements will be made immediately and the St. James will become the Mills hotel of the west. In addition to providing for a small, clean, rooms and wholesome food on a large scale to those who are unable to pay high rates, the hotel will be a place where principles that will elevate the morals of its guests. This soul-entailment will be done by the Union City mission, whose worth has already been proved and whose importance among institutions of its kind is steadily increasing.

MR. AND MRS. ASHER TALK TO PRISONERS

Their Work in New Jersey Is Attracting Much Attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, the Lake Geneva evangelists who are working with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in New Jersey, are seemingly causing more of a stir in the east than they did here.

Recent reports tell of a meeting they conducted in the first criminal court at Jersey City. The prisoners were the ordinary morning crowd that one sees in a police court. Men with bruised and battered faces, many the worse for drink.

After singing two hymns in which the shrill voices of the women prisoners could be heard above the rest and invoking a blessing on the prisoners Mrs. Asher began her address, taking for her sermon the text: "O, be ye reconciled to God." "I see here many women who have been incarcerated behind the bars on the Sabbath, she said, and I wish to say that if you would accept the spirit of the Lord, you would all be free, as the Lord can break all shackles. I am talking to you as much as possible as your mothers would."

If this morning you would only allow the words of your mother to reach themselves to you it would be the word of Christ bidding you repent and enter on a new life.

All of us are sinners, from the judge to the most lowly. Judge Higgins said here to try you for your offenses against the laws of the state. But there will come a day when you will have to plead your case before the God of God and answer for your offenses.

There is hope for every one, no matter how low he or she has fallen. Christ loves all, but he loves most of all you men and women here who are with crimes. It was for the redemption of such as you that God gave his only begotten son. Jesus died on the cross that his blood might wipe away your sins.

By accepting his teachings and his works you will return to your former respectability and citizenship, and become useful to man and God. Don't let the jeers of your friends to deter you. Their scorn will be but for the moment. When they see you are in earnest they will pat you on the back and say to you, "Go on, old fellow, you are all right."

Mrs. Asher then went among the prisoners, distributed tracts to them, shook hands and implored of each to lead a better life in future.

FRENCH CHURCH BILL INTERESTS CATHOLICS

Local French Catholic Talks of the Recent Legislation.

Passage of the French church bill by the senate of France has awakened considerable interest in the subject among French Catholics of Minneapolis.

A representative of the local French Catholics in explaining the situation, following the French revolution of 1789, the authorities then in power seized all the Catholic church property in France had been very wealthy and the amount of property taken from it was very large. Ultimately the matter was settled by the signing of the famous concordat by Pius VII and Napoleon.

According to this the government of France agreed to allow a stated sum for the Catholic clergy annually. In truth, this allowance amounted to only about a third of such a sum as would have represented a fair amount of interest on the church property confiscated.

The agreement gave religion a government status, the church administration being made a department of the cabinet. This condition of affairs for the church has continued up to the

RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

CHAPMAN CAMPAIGN AROUSED INTEREST IN READING.

Public Library Experiences Rush for Religious Works That Is Convincing Evidence of Widespread Effect of Revival Campaign—Are Examples of Best Literature.

Boys' Department Y. M. C. A.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: L. H. Beckler, E. C. Garrison, L. C. Scott.

OFFICERS BOYS' CABINET: Frederick Ware, President; George Akerson, Vice-president; Charles H. Alcock, Treasurer.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be a large mass meeting for boys to be addressed by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Young Men's Christian association. The older boys' meetings are held at the Boys' clubhouse every Sunday at 4:30 o'clock. Business and professional men, ministers and successful men of affairs are secured to speak. Mr. Peck has been identified with the association movement for many years and as a speaker is in demand at all large association meetings all over the country. His subject will be, "See, Come, Go." A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in Minneapolis over 14 years of age to come. There will be special music.

Mrs. Fegenstrom will give an illustrated lecture to the boys of the Boys' Sunday club and their friends this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every Sunday the younger boys meet at 3:15 and after a good talk by some prominent man they go to Bible classes. Henry Barber is teaching one of the Bible classes. All boys under 14 years are cordially invited to attend and to join one of the Bible classes.

W. E. Davis has a class of employed boys every Tuesday evening. They are studying a course in "The Life of Paul." Supper is served before class for the benefit of those who are unable to go home for supper and get back in time for class. A great many boys are entirely ignorant as to who Paul was, what he did, or anything about him and this class affords an opportunity for those who so desire to learn something about this very wonderful man. Mark Stewart has a class in "The Life of Christ" as told by St. Mark. This class is held the same evening that Mr. Davis' class is held.

Wednesday evening the regular monthly cabinet meeting was held. Reports were heard from most of the committees. The music committee reported on the work of the orchestra under the splendid leadership of Professor C. C. Heintzman. It was decided to give a hobby exhibition this year. Last year one proved quite a success. The money is to go to sending delegates to the Lake Geneva boys' conference next summer. Last year Minneapolis was represented by only one boy, while a larger number of the smaller cities sent great delegations. Minneapolis does not wish to be in any way behind the times, and so it was decided to raise \$100 for the expenses of the Geneva delegates. Duluth and all the other cities in the country are planning to send large delegations to Lake Geneva and Minneapolis is going to do her part. There were some resignations handed in to the cabinet and new members elected to fill the places left vacant.

As was stated last week, a membership contest has been started, its object being to get 200 new members before Feb. 1. The members who are being added into two teams and a supper will be given to all members on the winning team who bring in one or more members. Twenty-five per cent of all money taken in on new members during this time is given to the new building fund. Enthusiasm is running high and great results are expected.

The social committee has planned a gully, a party of social affairs for the different groups. Among them are sleigh rides, skating parties and a literary fraternity to be organized for the older boys. This fraternity will have a meeting every two weeks and debates and literary essays will be taken up at the meetings.

Have no equal as a prompt and positive cure for sick headache, biliousness, constipation, pain in the side and all liver troubles. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try them.

A Sermon for Today

'The Essence of Real Religion'

HENRY F. COPE. What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God—Micah vi, 8.

HERE must be some good reason for the fact that many men feel chagrined if they are charged with being religious. Often these men possess the keenest sense of right and make the strongest insistence on reality. The truth is that they object to the unreality of that which they have learned to call religion; often their protests against spurious types of religion are but declarations of the true kind.

Every honest hearted man turns with loathing from the cant, meanness, and selfishness that was the guise of piety. He has no use for the man who goes to a religious man is the one who goes to church, uses certain phrases, and generally cuts the cloth of his life to the pattern prescribed by the clergy. Thus easily the good is made to serve the bad. It is a blessing that there always have been men who repudiated that kind of piety. But to the true man religion is simply the effort to find the right life. He is most religious who lives best. Faith must be judged by its fruits; a man's religion and his religiousness by his living. That is the best religion which best teaches men to live. If any book beside the Bible can do more for us, if any faith beside Christianity can give the world a nobler life, let us find and follow it.

To the question, what is religion? The Bible gives a surprisingly simple answer. Instead of minutes rules it gives broad principles; it lifts aloft noble ideals and denounces baseness. It breathes of righteousness, that is, right thoughts, words, deeds, relations. It is the text book on the fine art of living. All other thoughts and teachings but serve this and have value only on account of their service.

Every man is religious in proportion as he seeks the right. Every act is holy, an act of worship, as it serves the good, and the man who does not confine religion to a church than you can imprison knowledge in a school-room. It belongs on the street, in the home, the office, the shop, wherever men are seeking to do right and make life right. Many a man is religious who would resent the imputation of piety. Right seeking and right doing in justice and mercy—these make the life of righteousness. There never has been and there never will be any real difference of opinion to that effect. He who is ashamed of them has no place amongst men; he who neither seeks them nor endeavors to realize them is not religious, no matter what his professions and protestations may be. And the man who seeks them with all his heart is religious whatever he or others may think.

The time will come when we shall be as honest as the man who no longer muddles in forms and words and prescriptions that have so long paraded as the true and only expression of godliness. Then the test of a man's religion will be the measure in which his life makes for justice, mercy and humility. Then, instead of asking, "What does ecclesiastical etiquette require me to do?" we shall inquire, "What is right, noblest, best for a man in a world of men?" That he seeks the life that deals in justice, that walks uprightly, that loves mercy, that does good and serves and blesses that seeks not high things for reward, that seeks them in character. This makes the religious man whether he be in sympathy with existing religious institutions or not; those virtues have no substitutes, neither names, ceremonies, nor creeds can take their place.

But when religion has entered on the passionate search for rightness, when once the love of justice, mercy and humility has laid hold on us, there will be little time or energy to give to foolish problems of angels or history, there will be no care whether men think we are religious or not. We shall come to see that our desire in living is the desire of the Lord of all life, that our goal will be a divine and glorious one, and nothing will turn us from it. Above all will be a sense of harmony with the Infinite, too deep for words, too sacred for expression.

Special Excursions to California. The next excursions under the management of Miss Mabel Johnson, third vice president, and ten new members were received into the chapter. This league is having a very prosperous time this year, and the members are enthusiastic workers.

Forest Heights league will conduct the song service at Asbury hospital this afternoon. Patients and attendants will be much disappointed last Sunday because the singers from Hamline, who had arranged to be present, were unable to keep their engagement.

W. G. Calderwood spent last Tuesday evening in Chicago in conference with members of the permanent temperance committee of the M. E. church and with some Chicago leaguers who are interested in the temperance and prohibition control passed on some three years ago. Mr. Calderwood will be home Thursday.

Blomington Avenue league held a business meeting Friday evening at the home of Miss Mabel Johnson, third vice president, and ten new members were received into the chapter. This league is having a very prosperous time this year, and the members are enthusiastic workers.

Forest Heights league will conduct the song service at Asbury hospital this afternoon. Patients and attendants will be much disappointed last Sunday because the singers from Hamline, who had arranged to be present, were unable to keep their engagement.

W. G. Calderwood spent last Tuesday evening in Chicago in conference with members of the permanent temperance committee of the M. E. church and with some Chicago leaguers who are interested in the temperance and prohibition control passed on some three years ago. Mr. Calderwood will be home Thursday.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

CHAPMAN CAMPAIGN AROUSED INTEREST IN READING.

Public Library Experiences Rush for Religious Works That Is Convincing Evidence of Widespread Effect of Revival Campaign—Are Examples of Best Literature.

Boys' Department Y. M. C. A.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: L. H. Beckler, E. C. Garrison, L. C. Scott.

OFFICERS BOYS' CABINET: Frederick Ware, President; George Akerson, Vice-president; Charles H. Alcock, Treasurer.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be a large mass meeting for boys to be addressed by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Young Men's Christian association. The older boys' meetings are held at the Boys' clubhouse every Sunday at 4:30 o'clock. Business and professional men, ministers and successful men of affairs are secured to speak. Mr. Peck has been identified with the association movement for many years and as a speaker is in demand at all large association meetings all over the country. His subject will be, "See, Come, Go." A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in Minneapolis over 14 years of age to come. There will be special music.

Mrs. Fegenstrom will give an illustrated lecture to the boys of the Boys' Sunday club and their friends this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every Sunday the younger boys meet at 3:15 and after a good talk by some prominent man they go to Bible classes. Henry Barber is teaching one of the Bible classes. All boys under 14 years are cordially invited to attend and to join one of the Bible classes.

W. E. Davis has a class of employed boys every Tuesday evening. They are studying a course in "The Life of Paul." Supper is served before class for the benefit of those who are unable to go home for supper and get back in time for class. A great many boys are entirely ignorant as to who Paul was, what he did, or anything about him and this class affords an opportunity for those who so desire to learn something about this very wonderful man. Mark Stewart has a class in "The Life of Christ" as told by St. Mark. This class is held the same evening that Mr. Davis' class is held.

Wednesday evening the regular monthly cabinet meeting was held. Reports were heard from most of the committees. The music committee reported on the work of the orchestra under the splendid leadership of Professor C. C. Heintzman. It was decided to give a hobby exhibition this year. Last year one proved quite a success. The money is to go to sending delegates to the Lake Geneva boys' conference next summer. Last year Minneapolis was represented by only one boy, while a larger number of the smaller cities sent great delegations. Minneapolis does not wish to be in any way behind the times, and so it was decided to raise \$100 for the expenses of the Geneva delegates. Duluth and all the other cities in the country are planning to send large delegations to Lake Geneva and Minneapolis is going to do her part. There were some resignations handed in to the cabinet and new members elected to fill the places left vacant.

MR. AND MRS. ASHER TALK TO PRISONERS

Their Work in New Jersey Is Attracting Much Attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, the Lake Geneva evangelists who are working with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in New Jersey, are seemingly causing more of a stir in the east than they did here.

Recent reports tell of a meeting they conducted in the first criminal court at Jersey City. The prisoners were the ordinary morning crowd that one sees in a police court. Men with bruised and battered faces, many the worse for drink.

After singing two hymns in which the shrill voices of the women prisoners could be heard above the rest and invoking a blessing on the prisoners Mrs. Asher began her address, taking for her sermon the text: "O, be ye reconciled to God." "I see here many women who have been incarcerated behind the bars on the Sabbath, she said, and I wish to say that if you would accept the spirit of the Lord, you would all be free, as the Lord can break all shackles. I am talking to you as much as possible as your mothers would."

If this morning you would only allow the words of your mother to reach themselves to you it would be the word of Christ bidding you repent and enter on a new life.

All of us are sinners, from the judge to the most lowly. Judge Higgins said here to try you for your offenses against the laws of the state. But there will come a day when you will have to plead your case before the God of God and answer for your offenses.

There is hope for every one, no matter how low he or she has fallen. Christ loves all, but he loves most of all you men and women here who are with crimes. It was for the redemption of such as you that God gave his only begotten son. Jesus died on the cross that his blood might wipe away your sins.

By accepting his teachings and his works you will return to your former respectability and citizenship, and become useful to man and God. Don't let the jeers of your friends to deter you. Their scorn will be but for the moment. When they see you are in earnest they will pat you on the back and say to you, "Go on, old fellow, you are all right."

Mrs. Asher then went among the prisoners, distributed tracts to them, shook hands and implored of each to lead a better life in future.

FRENCH CHURCH BILL INTERESTS CATHOLICS

Local French Catholic Talks of the Recent Legislation.

Passage of the French church bill by the senate of France has awakened considerable interest in the subject among French Catholics of Minneapolis.

A representative of the local French Catholics in explaining the situation, following the French revolution of 1789, the authorities then in power seized all the Catholic church property in France had been very wealthy and the amount of property taken from it was very large. Ultimately the matter was settled by the signing of the famous concordat by Pius VII and Napoleon.

According to this the government of France agreed to allow a stated sum for the Catholic clergy annually. In truth, this allowance amounted to only about a third of such a sum as would have represented a fair amount of interest on the church property confiscated.

The agreement gave religion a government status, the church administration being made a department of the cabinet. This condition of affairs for the church has continued up to the

RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

CHAPMAN CAMPAIGN AROUSED INTEREST IN READING.

Public Library Experiences Rush for Religious Works That Is Convincing Evidence of Widespread Effect of Revival Campaign—Are Examples of Best Literature.

Boys' Department Y. M. C. A.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: L. H. Beckler, E. C. Garrison, L. C. Scott.

OFFICERS BOYS' CABINET: Frederick Ware, President; George Akerson, Vice-president; Charles H. Alcock, Treasurer.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be a large mass meeting for boys to be addressed by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Young Men's Christian association. The older boys' meetings are held at the Boys' clubhouse every Sunday at 4:30 o'clock. Business and professional men, ministers and successful men of affairs are secured to speak. Mr. Peck has been identified with the association movement for many years and as a speaker is in demand at all large association meetings all over the country. His subject will be, "See, Come, Go." A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in Minneapolis over 14 years of age to come. There will be special music.

Mrs. Fegenstrom will give an illustrated lecture to the boys of the Boys' Sunday club and their friends this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every Sunday the younger boys meet at 3:15 and after a good talk by some prominent man they go to Bible classes. Henry Barber is teaching one of the Bible classes. All boys under 14 years are cordially invited to attend and to join one of the Bible classes.

W. E. Davis has a class of employed boys every Tuesday evening. They are studying a course in "The Life of Paul." Supper is served before class for the benefit of those who are unable to go home for supper and get back in time for class. A great many boys are entirely ignorant as to who Paul was, what he did, or anything about him and this class affords an opportunity for those who so desire to learn something about this very wonderful man. Mark Stewart has a class in "The Life of Christ" as told by St. Mark. This class is held the same evening that Mr. Davis' class is held.

Wednesday evening the regular monthly cabinet meeting was held. Reports were heard from most of the committees. The music committee reported on the work of the orchestra under the splendid leadership of Professor C. C. Heintzman. It was decided to give a hobby exhibition this year. Last year one proved quite a success. The money is to go to sending delegates to the Lake Geneva boys' conference next summer. Last year Minneapolis was represented by only one boy, while a larger number of the smaller cities sent great delegations. Minneapolis does not wish to be in any way behind the times, and so it was decided to raise \$100 for the expenses of the Geneva delegates. Duluth and all the other cities in the country are planning to send large delegations to Lake Geneva and Minneapolis is going to do her part. There were some resignations handed in to the cabinet and new members elected to fill the places left vacant.

MR. AND MRS. ASHER TALK TO PRISONERS

Their Work in New Jersey Is Attracting Much Attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, the Lake Geneva evangelists who are working with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in New Jersey, are seemingly causing more of a stir in the east than they did here.

Recent reports tell of a meeting they conducted in the first criminal court at Jersey City. The prisoners were the ordinary morning crowd that one sees in a police court. Men with bruised and battered faces, many the worse for drink.

After singing two hymns in which the shrill voices of the women prisoners could be heard above the rest and invoking a blessing on the prisoners Mrs. Asher began her address, taking for her sermon the text: "O, be ye reconciled to God." "I see here many women who have been incarcerated behind the bars on the Sabbath, she said, and I wish to say that if you would accept the spirit of the Lord, you would all be free, as the Lord can break all shackles. I am talking to you as much as possible as your mothers would."

If this morning you would only allow the words of your mother to reach themselves to you it would be the word of Christ bidding you repent and enter on a new life.

All of us are sinners, from the judge to the most lowly. Judge Higgins said here to try you for your offenses against the laws of the state. But there will come a day when you will have to plead your case before the God of God and answer for your offenses.

There is hope for every one, no matter how low he or she has fallen. Christ loves all, but he loves most of all you men and women here who are with crimes. It was for the redemption of such as you that God gave his only begotten son. Jesus died on the cross that his blood might wipe away your sins.

By accepting his teachings and his works you will return to your former respectability and citizenship, and become useful to man and God. Don't let the jeers of your friends to deter you. Their scorn will be but for the moment. When they see you are in earnest they will pat you on the back and say to you, "Go on, old fellow, you are all right."

Mrs. Asher then went among the prisoners, distributed tracts to them, shook hands and implored of each to lead a better life in future.

FRENCH CHURCH BILL INTERESTS CATHOLICS

Local French Catholic Talks of the Recent Legislation.

Passage of the French church bill by the senate of France has awakened considerable interest in the subject among French Catholics of Minneapolis.

A representative of the local French Catholics in explaining the situation, following the French revolution of 1789, the authorities then in power seized all the Catholic church property in France had been very wealthy and the amount of property taken from it was very large. Ultimately the matter was settled by the signing of the famous concordat by Pius VII and Napoleon.

According to this the government of France agreed to allow a stated sum for the Catholic clergy annually. In truth, this allowance amounted to only about a third of such a sum as would have represented a fair amount of interest on the church property confiscated.

The agreement gave religion a government status, the church administration being made a department of the cabinet. This condition of affairs for the church has continued up to the

RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

CHAPMAN CAMPAIGN AROUSED INTEREST IN READING.

Public Library Experiences Rush for Religious Works That Is Convincing Evidence of Widespread Effect of Revival Campaign—Are Examples of Best Literature.

Boys' Department Y. M. C. A.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: L. H. Beckler, E. C. Garrison, L. C. Scott.

OFFICERS BOYS' CABINET: Frederick Ware, President; George Akerson, Vice-president; Charles H. Alcock, Treasurer.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be a large mass meeting for boys to be addressed by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Young Men's Christian association. The older boys' meetings are held at the Boys' clubhouse every Sunday at 4:30 o'clock. Business and professional men, ministers and successful men of affairs are secured to speak. Mr. Peck has been identified with the association movement for many years and as a speaker is in demand at all large association meetings all over the country. His subject will be, "See, Come, Go." A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in Minneapolis over 14 years of age to come. There will be special music.

Mrs. Fegenstrom will give an illustrated lecture to the boys of the Boys' Sunday club and their friends this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every Sunday the younger boys meet at 3:15 and after a good talk by some prominent man they go to Bible classes. Henry Barber is teaching one of the Bible classes. All boys under 14 years are cordially invited to attend and to join one of the Bible classes.

W. E. Davis has a class of employed boys every Tuesday evening. They are studying a course in "The Life of Paul." Supper is served before class for the benefit of those who are unable to go home for supper and get back in time for class. A great many boys are entirely ignorant as to who Paul was, what he did, or anything about him and this class affords an opportunity for those who so desire to learn something about this very wonderful man. Mark Stewart has a class in "The Life of Christ" as told by St. Mark. This class is held the same evening that Mr. Davis' class is held.

Wednesday evening the regular monthly cabinet meeting was held. Reports were heard from most of the committees. The music committee reported on the work of the orchestra under the splendid leadership of Professor C. C. Heintzman. It was decided to give a hobby exhibition this year. Last year one proved quite a success. The money is to go to sending delegates to the Lake Geneva boys' conference next summer. Last year Minneapolis was represented by only one boy, while a larger number of the smaller cities sent great delegations. Minneapolis does not wish to be in any way behind the times, and so it was decided to raise \$100 for the expenses of the Geneva delegates. Duluth and all the other cities in the country are planning to send large delegations to Lake Geneva and Minneapolis is going to do her part. There were some resignations handed in to the cabinet and new members elected to fill the places left vacant.

MR. AND MRS. ASHER TALK TO PRISONERS

Their Work in New Jersey Is Attracting Much Attention.

Mr. and Mrs. William Asher, the Lake Geneva evangelists who are working with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in New Jersey, are seemingly causing more of a stir in the east than they did here.

Recent reports tell of a meeting they conducted in the first criminal court at Jersey City. The prisoners were the ordinary morning crowd that one sees in a police court. Men with bruised and battered faces, many the worse for drink.

After singing two hymns in which the shrill voices of the women prisoners could be heard above the rest and invoking a blessing on the prisoners Mrs. Asher began her address, taking for her sermon the text: "O, be ye reconciled to God." "I see here many women who have been incarcerated behind the bars on the Sabbath, she said, and I wish to say that if you would accept the spirit of the Lord, you would all be free, as the Lord can break all shackles. I am talking to you as much as possible as your mothers would."

If this morning you would only allow the words of your mother to reach themselves to you it would be the word of Christ bidding you repent and enter on a new life.

All of us are sinners, from the judge to the most lowly. Judge Higgins said here to try you for your offenses against the laws of the state. But there will come a day when you will have to plead your case before the God of God and answer for your offenses.

There is hope for every one, no matter how low he or she has fallen. Christ loves all, but he loves most of all you men and women here who are with crimes. It was for the redemption of such as you that God gave his only begotten son. Jesus died on the cross that his blood might wipe away your sins.

By accepting his teachings and his works you will return to your former respectability and citizenship, and become useful to man and God. Don't let the jeers of your friends to deter you. Their scorn will be but for the moment. When they see you are in earnest they will pat you on the back and say to you, "Go on, old fellow, you are all right."

Mrs. Asher then went among the prisoners, distributed tracts to them, shook hands and implored of each to lead a better life in future.

FRENCH CHURCH BILL INTERESTS CATHOLICS

Local French Catholic Talks of the Recent Legislation.

Passage of the French church bill by the senate of France has awakened considerable interest in the subject among French Catholics of Minneapolis.

A representative of the local French Catholics in explaining the situation, following the French revolution of 1789, the authorities then in power seized all the Catholic church property in France had been very wealthy and the amount of property taken from it was very large. Ultimately the matter was settled by the signing of the famous concordat by Pius VII and Napoleon.

According to this the government of France agreed to allow a stated sum for the Catholic clergy annually. In truth, this allowance amounted to only about a third of such a sum as would have represented a fair amount of interest on the church property confiscated.

The agreement gave religion a government status, the church administration being made a department of the cabinet. This condition of affairs for the church has continued up to the

RELIGIOUS BOOKS IN GREAT DEMAND

CHAPMAN CAMPAIGN AROUSED INTEREST IN READING.

Public Library Experiences Rush for Religious Works That Is Convincing Evidence of Widespread Effect of Revival Campaign—Are Examples of Best Literature.

Boys' Department Y. M. C. A.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE: L. H. Beckler, E. C. Garrison, L. C. Scott.

OFFICERS BOYS' CABINET: Frederick Ware, President; George Akerson, Vice-president; Charles H. Alcock, Treasurer.

This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be a large mass meeting for boys to be addressed by E. W. Peck, state secretary of the Minnesota Young Men's Christian association. The older boys' meetings are held at the Boys' clubhouse every Sunday at 4:30 o'clock. Business and professional men, ministers and successful men of affairs are secured to speak. Mr. Peck has been identified with the association movement for many years and as a speaker is in demand at all large association meetings all over the country. His subject will be, "See, Come, Go." A cordial invitation is extended to every boy in Minneapolis over 14 years of age to come. There will be special music.

Mrs. Fegenstrom will give an illustrated lecture to the boys of the Boys' Sunday club and their friends this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every Sunday the younger boys meet at 3