

The aim of the Chaplain has been to correct the thinking of the boys that they may come into a fuller appreciation of the real values in life, and gain a clearer conception of their relationship to life.

The method has been teaching, preaching and personal conversation. The Chaplain ventured to organize a class in religious instruction, and it has been very gratifying to see such interest and appreciation on the part of the boys in the discussion of religious themes. They seem eager for such knowledge. Many of them have expressed their regret at having to close for lack of room, and have asked when we might resume the study.

It has also been a great pleasure and satisfaction to assist the boys who could not read or write to gain some little mastery in this respect. As the Chaplain was passing down the corridor a young man called and said, as he held up a book in his hand, "Chaplain, I can read that book thru, now." "Could you read at all when you came in?" "Not a word." Another young fellow who could not speak scarcely a word of English came into the school, and with the help of a few of the boys who could speak both French and English we had him reading in a marvelously short time. How appreciative such boys are, and how good it makes one feel to be able to help them. These young fellows are going to do their own thinking when they get out into the world of life and activity again, and it is going to be a new world to them. The boys are very interested in the books of the Prison library, which contains about fifteen hundred volumes. This is supplemented each year with from fifty to seventy-five new volumes selected by the Chaplain. We also subscribe for a few of the best magazines for distribution among the boys, which are greatly appreciated.

In the preaching service we try not to condemn the evil merely, but to appreciate the good in the men and to bring them to a consciousness of the latent powers within, and encourage them to develop their highest spiritual powers.

But it is in the cell that we come closest to the real inner life of the boys. Here we have the opportunity of seeing thru the superficial outside, and we get a look at the heart. And sometimes we get the boys to see their own inner life and its possibilities. And we trust that the seed thoughts we have been trying to sow in their minds, at Chapel, in class and in the cell will bear fruit in their lives, and will assist in making them good and loyal citizens of our Republic.

The girls were here but a short time after the Chaplain came, but he holds a few letters in which the girls thank him