



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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this one be read by the men in the
Engine Houses. When they are good
enough to rebind, or when they must be
thrown away. Oh yes there are plenty
of problems about the books. ~~I could tell~~
~~But the~~ But that wouldn't be interesting
to me at all, if it wasn't that people
are so interesting, the people that are
going to use these books. The other
day a little boy came into the library with
three copies of the "Old Slueth's Weekly" under his
arms, tons and tons of this stuff, blood and
thunder stories, awful detection stories and
stories of vile women, stuff which no boy
can safely read. We asked him to sell it to
us and we could give him something better.
He agreed, providing we would sell them back
again if he wanted them, and he went off with
a library book. In the meantime we made
him out a list of good boys books to give him
when he returned. In a few days he came
back beaming and said "Say if you can give
us more like that, the whole bunch will
come", and the Old Slueth's Weekly still lie
on my desk. I was mightily interested in
that boy and the bunch.

About a week ago a University-professor
came in and told me he was teaching a
class of men in the evening - a class on
business - salesmanship, banking, business methods

etc. That the men worked hard all day, but wanted to improve themselves, and he wanted the library to buy books along that line for them. I was only too glad to help these busy men, and that wise professor. The problem most important is what people are using the library, are they getting the ~~things~~^{books} they need, is there any branch in this part of town, would the girls in this factory or the men in that factory use the books if they were shelved right in the factory.

Are the children, are the foreigners are the old and the sick, the scholar and the mechanic getting good service from the library,

No it isn't the books that makes me think ~~the most~~ and plan the most. it is the people.

~~People are things~~, are not worth troubling about, except as they help or hinder people, but people, human beings are worth everything. If you don't realize how much, read the parable of the Ninety and nine, read the Good Samaritan and ~~found~~ find out what Jesus Christ ~~thought of the value of each human being~~ would do for a single human being. and then think if it isn't worth our while.

There is a ^{new} word in the dictionary, perhaps it has been there some time, but it hasn't been used much until lately - this word is solidarity, we speak of the solidarity of society, the solidarity of the human race. What does it mean. It means that our interests are all bound up together and that we cannot get along without each other. One little bunch of people cannot separate themselves from everyone else and live as though no one else existed but themselves. We are tied together in hundreds of ways, - Capital and labour may seem to be at war, but they cannot get along without each other. Even nations cannot live unto themselves, they are bound together, and what one nation does, quickly affects another.

~~Did you ever see a glacier? It is a great river of solid ice, sometimes a mile or two wide, and many miles long, quietly moving along. You cannot see it move, but it is~~

Now Nature has a curious way of working, she understands this dictionary word of solidarity. She never lets

one nation shoot up too far ahead
of the others, she keeps pushing up from
below, for instance, England, Germany
& America are pushing up rapidly, but
instead of polishing them up and finishing
them to perfection, other nations are
being pushed forward, Japan, China
& Russia are growing and coming
forward. Nature doesn't like hills
and valleys, she doesn't keep on
building the hills higher & higher, no,
she keeps washing the hills off into
the valley. If the pressure of air
grows light in places, then the air from
some other quarter rushes in to fill
the place, we call it a windstorm,
but it is only nature evening up things
up again.

Now it is just so with us, we cannot
push up ahead of others very far, we
must move up together. That is what
solidarity means.

Did you ever see a glacier, it
is a great river of ice, ~~moving so slowly~~
sometimes a mile or two wide and many
miles long, moving so slowly that you
cannot see it moving, but nevertheless moving
it has many deep cracks, and many
mounds of ice, but it slowly moves along

all together, just like our humanity.
Which though it has cracks and divisions
must steadily move forward together,
- the solidarity of human society.

~~Now we might as well realize that~~
~~we are a part of it, that we cannot stand~~
~~one side and later no personal interest,~~
~~we might as well be realize that we~~
~~cannot be selfish, without hindering the~~
~~we part of the force which is pushing~~
~~things along.~~ So you see, we cannot
live unto ourselves ~~if we might as well~~
~~be alive to the use not try to.~~ We cannot
climb up alone unless we help others to
climb.

This summer the Tribune had a
good deal to say about the "Big
brother" movement. The idea was
that good men should take under
their friendly protection some boy who
needed the help, and be a big brother
to him, make him feel as if he
really were a brother, ready to help him
in the way a kind big brother would
help and advise.

There is just as much need of a
Big sister movement, and it is starting

up here and there — just as much
need, I should think there was much
more.

| Mrs. Cook's story of a young girl in
business college.

Oh it makes my heart bleed to think of
the temptations thrown around young
girls and I wonder why some big
sister isn't at hand to throw a
restraining ~~hand~~ arm around them.

I've been thinking that this "Big Brother"
and big sister is a good thing especially
for the big brother himself, but and that
it would help everyone ^{there} if we could hold
out our hands to some little sister
and help her while she was young.

The only trouble is that the big
brother and sister ~~are~~ have been too
far off just at the time of temptation.

If only this young girl in business
college could have had some ~~wise~~ older
girl who was working with her each
day, for a big sister. Why don't I
be a big sister to all the young girls
who are working with me, and see
that none of them go wrong for lack
of my friendly care.

Why aren't you a big sister to some
younger girl who may work with you.

Maybe she isn't your kind exactly
and maybe she is foolish and silly
and maybe she is headed straight
for the downward track, well that
is why she needs a big sister, and
~~you~~ it is your chance to bring her
to your club, to know where she
lives and the places where she
spends her evenings.

Do you know anything about the
dance halls and whether any of the
girls you know go there. Are you
fighting as a big sister should to
keep these places from being recruited
~~that~~ What is Hope Chapel fighting
against up here to keep young people
from moving picture shows, roller rinks
cheap shows and vulgar amusements.
I'm nothing against moving pictures
themselves if they are decent, I think we
will have them pretty soon in all of our
School buildings, but ~~as~~ I do object to the
dark rooms in which they are shown
where procuresses work continually.

for young girls for bad resorts.

I do object to young girls alone at such places and alone on the streets at night; — poor children, they are too young to realize that it means their downfall. Where are their big sisters, those older women who know them and ought to know where they are.

Hunt up your little sister girls ~~and~~ the younger ones who work with you or ride down in the car with you ~~make yourselves their friends.~~ ^{know where they are} friends.

I have never known a time in up to when one seemed to need caution so much as now, so many girls have told me that they were spoken to on the streets and invited to ride by men in automobiles. One girl had her with about her, she was a clerk in a store and a man who pretended to know her or her family called upon her several times during the day and finally begged to see her home. She told him she always took the car at such a corner where she knew a policeman always stood. Arriving first she told the policeman of her difficulty and he attended to the gentleman while she boarded her car in peace.

Tomorrow morning I am giving
a report on the welfare work done
in Nupli's factories, the work which
employers are doing for the comfort
and well being of employees which
they do not have to do - rest rooms,
lunch rooms, etc. There isn't
so much of it in Nupli's as there
should be, but welfare work is
what turns a dismal pessimist into
a cheery optimist. It is so good
to see the efforts which some men
are making to ~~make~~^{turn} work into a
happy thing. Yet the employer
cannot do some things, he cannot
do for the employees, what a few
good women could do for the
ones they work with. There is
welfare work to do in every factory
which has nothing to do with rest
rooms or lunch rooms or well
lighted airy work rooms: the welfare
work needed most is the personal
friendly assistance which the older
and better ~~assistent~~^{assistant} workers could

five to the younger and weaker ones.

We shall never be able to get
away from the question "Am I
my brother's keeper" ~~and the answer~~
~~which is implied~~, and it isn't the
rich and influential that must
answer it chiefly. We who work
with others near us and beside us
must answer it too.

"I've much —"

Hope Chapel
Girls Club

I Congratulate you on your
New Church, ^{building} and the new
opportunities you are opening
for serving human life.

What is a Church, is it
a building - No - a building
is not even a necessity, but it is
a great help which we all
value. Is it a collection of
people who believe the same
doctrines, no that is an
organization, and the careful
organization of people who think
alike, into a Church society
is a great help and we value
it accordingly; but a Church
is that circle of earnest god-

fearing people who are trying
to establish the Kingdom of
Heaven upon earth.

The Kingdom of Heaven is likened
to a seed planted in the ground.
It takes time to prepare the
ground, to ~~put the into~~ to enrich
the soil, to plant the seed.
Then the ground must be
watered, ~~and it seems a long~~
~~time before the seed sprouts.~~
And the warm sun must
shine upon it; and if the
winds blow cold and the
conditions are unfavorable it
seems so long before the seed
begins to sprout that we almost
feel like digging down to see
if the seed is dead, or ploughing
it up altogether. Here when

the tiny thing appears above
ground, it must be weeded -
oh that tiresome back breaking
handwork of pulling out the
weeds which grow so strong and
fast - the young thing must
be hoed and cultivated, perhaps
supported by stakes, kept free
from insects and brought through
much hard labor to the
blossoming & fruitage.

We who have raised gardens
know just how much ~~work it~~
~~is, and we know what it means~~
patience and slow painstaking
labor it means, and we know
what it means to say that the
Kingdom of Heaven is like a
seed sown in the ground, and
that we must patiently labor

Day after day, sowing the seed
and laboring over it, watching
weeding & cultivating it.

But gardening is healthy wholesome
work, you know, ~~always~~ and
when you are sowing the seeds
of righteousness, the crop is a
sure thing, even tho it is slow
and some one besides ourselves
factors in the harvest.

That brings me to something
I want to say, who will factor
in the harvest that you must
leave. Do you not sometimes
wonder who will carry on this
Church when you cannot do it.
You say your boys and girls
will do it.

When I look at the Sunday
Schools, I see many many little

Children, then I see them
dropping out as they grow older
until there are only a few
Classes of older children, a
very few young men and women
and scarcely any of the older
men and women. And I wonder
how the church of the next
generation is going to be trained.
And what kind of gardeners they
will be without training.

Boys are not going to stay at
Sunday School as they grow older,
their father doesn't, no, father
must go home because he has
worked hard all week and it is
much more important to read
the Sunday paper than to make
a Sunday school a pleasant
place for his growing boy.
No other cannot stay to Sunday

School, because she must
get the Sunday dinner, for
of course the body is not
worth more than meat; nor
the life worth than raiment.
So with such an example of a
good mother, the older girl
drops out of Sunday School.

Mother and father, are your
boys and girls here in training
to take your places when you
grow old, are you training
them in, ~~leave~~ by your side.
Mother and father, it is your
boys and girls that will make this
future Church; it is they for
~~whom this Church~~ and your neighbors
boys & girls, and the boys and girls
without any training for whom
this Church is builded. See to
it that they use it and love it,
and that you are all here

together as a family."

Sometimes I think that
we as Christian people
think our work for the
Community is done when
we have furnished a church
building, paid a pastor
and sat through Sunday
Morning service and paid
our church bills - in other words
when we have sowed the
seed, We forget those awful
weeds that must be rooted
up. Lots of gardeners do the
same thing.

And sometimes when I
realize the dreadful weeds
that are growing fast and rank
around the children of this

city, I wonder how their
spirits grow at all.

If Judge Waite talks to you
tomorrow night, maybe he will
tell you something about the
weeds which he sees in the
jailhouse Court. If any man
in this city knows about it, he
does, for he sees the boy
who has yielded to temptation
and has committed some crime
and he knows ~~how~~ ~~old~~ who
puts those temptations in the
boy's way, and he knows that
somebody ought to have pulled
up the weeds about that boy's
pathway. ~~He can tell you~~
~~how the police messenger boy~~
~~is sent into saloons with~~
~~telegrams, how the A. D. J. kept~~
~~up late at night must go into~~

~~houses of ill repute, he cannot
tell you and I cannot tell you~~

But whether he tells you or not
I am going to tell you that
unless you and I and all the
churches of this city, get together
and go to pulling up the rank
weeds that are flourishing in
this city and are smothering the
very life out of our boys and
girls, there will be some
bad hearts in this city -
Rachel weeping for her children.

One of the weeds which I
know a great deal about
is the bad literature. Do you
know that there is not a
newsstand in this town where
a boy cannot get the most
vicious literature. I have
bought the Old Sleuth Weekly
and the Buffalo Bill Weekly at
any place where I have enquired

and I have read many of them, so I know what I am talking about. I found them interesting, so do the boys, they wouldn't read them if they weren't, but they are schools of crime, they describe exactly how the criminal did his vile deed, just how the burglar stole, just how the shoplifter under a cloak swiped the goods from a counter, just how the boy escaped detection, just how he evaded the police, just where he sewed up in his trousers belt the money he had stolen from his mother.

Any police court in any great city will show you the collection of bad literature taken from criminal boys and will tell you that much

of the juvenile crime comes
from such influence.

But not the boys alone - for I
want to speak especially about
the girls, - ~~there~~ can see plenty
insolent, bold gum-chewing
young girls on the street cars
reading the silliest paper covered
trash that ever was put into
print. Love stories that distort
any girl's idea of love,
divorce courts and unlawful
marriages that soil her young
soul ~~with~~ ^{for} read them and
I always want to take a bath
afterwards.

What are they written for,
I have in my office ^{picture} postal cards
that have been distributed
around this town, and on the
grounds of our High School,
that would make any clean
man or woman blush. What

is all this printed villainy
for; it is because there is
money in vice, and vice must
constantly recruit itself by
poisoning the minds of our boys
and girls.

This is the weed I am pulling
at - this weed of fast & vicious
literature: the mind of the boy
is acting, it is not blank. He
likes ~~decent~~ adventure
but there are good detection stories
a good deal better than the
old sleuth's key. It is perfectly
natural that the heart of the girl
should reach out toward romance
but there are clean romances
which give ~~the~~ to courtship love and
~~marriage~~ her the ideas of which
courtship love and marriage which
you would give daughter to have.

So the library is trying to supply
decent clean books in the place
of the vicious, low stuff for sale

At the newsstands. We are putting small libraries into the factories where girls work, we are trying to choose the books they will enjoy that are at the same time pure and wholesome.

We are putting books into the business schools, where young girls attend to learn a business that takes them into men's offices.

~~and where they will meet to be~~
~~discovered~~ We have eleven branch reading rooms and eighteen regular stations, besides the factories. We are trying to make it convenient for everyone boys and girls, men and women to use this library which belongs to the people of this city. That our war against vicious literature is immediately successful is proven by the fact that the books have circulated this year over 1,000,000 times.

I find reading is one of the
Choking weeds. ~~Now about~~ ~~so~~
What shall we say about
the cheap recreations about town.

Next as you know where
your girls are in the evening?
Young people must have
recreation and amusement, but
they ~~poor~~ have poor judgment
no experience of life, no knowledge
of the pitfalls, they cannot
choose wisely. They think
they can, I'm sure I knew
a great deal more than my
mother when I was sixteen.
I forgot that she had been a
girl once, that she too had a
young girls feelings once, and
that she understood from
her own experience what was
best for me. So do your

Daughters probably forget, and
you will have to be sympathetic
and gentle with them sometimes
and let them try their wings.
If they have been well taught
they will not go far out of the
way. But your knowledge of the
world must be used to protect
them. You have no right to
let them walk right into the
fire, and you ought to know
where they are and whom
they are with.

You may trust your girl and
have reasons to, you may
believe she is better than
other girls - I've noticed that
it is always our neighbor's
children who are to blame.
But your girl's reputation is
a priceless thing, and you

guard that treasure.
I deeply regret the habit
neither have nowadays of
letting their girls, not yet
grown, go out evenings alone
or with other girls, or with a
young boy. Every boy and girl
is human, with human instincts
and subject to human temptation
and your boy or girl is just
as human as any other. They
should have much of their
pleasure and recreation in
your home, here in your
Church, in the homes of your
friends. You should let your
work go if necessary, to give
the young people a good time.
School parties, evening affairs,
Sleigh rides are all wrong
without older people in attendance.

What about the moving
picture shows, roller rinks
dance halls etc. Have you
been to any of them? Do you
know from personal knowledge
anything about them. Do
your boys and girls go to them.
They are some of the weeds
that are choking out
morality in this city.

Mr. Liss of the Ass. Charities
once told me that moving
picture shows & bad literature
caused $\frac{2}{3}$ of the juvenile crime.

I am going to suggest that you
visit the moving picture shows
in your neighborhood and watch
the kind of films that are
put on. and the vulgar songs
that are sung. Some of

the films are unspeakably vile,
Some of them are vulgar
and disgusting to good taste,
and others are very beautiful.
All of us would enjoy some
of the beautiful ones, they
cost no more than the others,
and if a neighborhood insisted
that they be good and if the
parents kept tabs on what
their children were seeing, I
cannot see what harm could
befall. But you must know
what the children see generally.

As to the dance halls, they are
unspeakable, they should not
be tolerated in this city.
Unfortunate indeed is the
boy or girl who is enticed

into them. Come with me
some night, and see the
many fresh young faces at
the dance hall, faces as
fresh as your daughter, and
tell me if your heart does
not ache for somebody's little
girl whose mother is
guarding her. Is your
daughter guarded? and are
you sure you always know
where she is and who she
is with.

It is one of the weeds that
the School Board is
grappling with. Here are
these great school buildings
belonging to the people, they
should be open for the
recreation of the people.
Here are churches like this

one, representing money
investment, lying idle most
of the week, while the boys
and girls do down town to
Cheap Shows.

My dear friends, there is a
Comparatively new word in the
dictionary, it is solidarity
we speak of the solidarity of
society, the solidarity of the
human race. What does it
mean, it means that our
interests are all bound up
together, that we cannot operate
ourselves from each other.
It means that I am interested
in your boys and girls, and that
you must be interested in
other boys and girls. It means
that we must all get to

work together, and pull
up the weeds of sin in
our social life, and make
a clean soil for their
seeds and fruit. We must
trust the Church and the
work for which it stands
will be safe in the hands
of the men & women of
tomorrow.

At opening of
St Olaf Church

of their sowing is not more abundant. I believe the reason lies in the fact that seed sowing is not the only operation needed. Soil must be carefully prepared. Stones and roots must be cleared away, weeds must be pulled continually.

Weed pulling is back breaking work. It cannot be done in a large way, it must be hand work, each little plant must be cared for as a single plant.

I am an enthusiastic gardener and I love ~~the~~ particularly the many figures of speech which Christ used likening the work of the church to a husbandman, and we to workers in his vineyard.

Now I am a librarian and I love my profession because I believe it to be one of the many institutions which is preparing the soil, pulling up weeds, and helping ~~the~~ to make

ready for the growth of spiritual life. The Church is here

to sow seed and nurture the young plants, but it ought to recognize as helpers all the many agencies which are doing preliminary work. Most of these agencies are modern. The park system for the people is a new thing.

Not I remember when signs everywhere said "Keep off the grass" and you might look at the park but not enjoy it. Now it is to make little children happy and to give us all healthy outdoor recreation. Now we plan to use our lakes for public boating and public skating and public bath houses. We plan playgrounds for children.

~~The parks are~~ The new idea of parks is that they are an agency for making people better.

So with the public schools, which are growing more and more to be an agency for the betterment of conditions,

So we have night schools, and open-air schools for sick little children. We teach sewing & cooking and manual training. We inspect ~~them~~ the children, so that abnormal children or children who drop behind may have attention, and their troubles removed.

We have gymnasiums for them. We do whatever we can to fit them for a wholesome, well trained manhood. We are preparing the soil and pulling up bad weeds.

Now the library is doing the same kind of work, and because many people do not know of the work of this big public institution I am always glad to talk about it.

Let me tell you my idea of what a public library is.

It is not simply an educational institution, tho' it appeals to the intellect, and works through the medium of books.

It caters not simply to the educated and to those who love to learn tho' it will always attract such people.

A library may ~~have~~ be housed
in a splendid building, possess
a trained librarian, a notable
collection of books, and have a
model system, but all taken
together will not make an
efficient library ~~if~~ unless the
institution be brought into vital and
intimate relations with all the
Community. The library is a
big social influence, and must if it
is going to fulfil its purpose make
itself useful to the uneducated as well
as the ~~more~~ educated, to the old and
the young, to the foreigner and
the native born.

Now a town is not safe and sanitary
because it has a sewer in every
street, if the residents fail to connect
their houses with it, so a library is
not efficient, unless the books and
the people are brought together.

from description here of
extension work —

Then the material + departments

Every large city has a public library. Why! Men do not spend large sums upon institutions which do not bring returns. ~~well~~ A public library is a public utility when it is carried on not for any one or two classes of the community, but for the benefit of the whole community, - for the benefit of the community as a whole and the benefit of each of its parts.

Before becoming specific as to the particular benefits which the business class to which you belong, may derive let me say something about the general benefits and the larger workings of this public utility. For that which produces a more intelligent and a more ambitious public has a reflex influence upon business. That which produces intelligent labor and therefore better earning capacity gives to the city a return

to be reckoned as a business asset.
It has therefore been one of the first
duties of the library to place itself
~~facilities~~ conveniently near to each
community, especially those who are too
distant to use any one centrally located
building. We have therefore established
ourselves from Camden Place to Prospect
Park, from Linden Hills to New Boston
from Como Ave to Minnehaha. We have
now thirteen branch libraries, equipped
with several thousand books each, with
reading rooms, periodicals and newspapers, and
with trained librarians. We have besides
eighteen deposit stations, ~~where several~~
~~hundred books are~~ situated in drug stores
containing several hundred books each which
are periodically changed. All of these points
have daily or tri-weekly delivery from the
Central library, so that the entire wealth of
the library is there upon demand through
these thirty different delivery points.
In addition twenty five outlying school
buildings are equipped with classroom
libraries which the children draw for
home use and which are used by the
entire family.

Every librarian knows how difficult it is to establish reading habits among the industrial classes and among working people who are tired at the end of the working day. The only way to establish such habits is to remove as many difficulties as possible and make books very easily available. The library has therefore placed good collections of books in the large factories, in all the telephone stations & exchanges, in such large department stores as Donaldsons and the Nippon Dry Goods. If you go into the lunch rooms or rest rooms of these establishments especially in winter you will find the books surrounded by eager groups. In the Rapid Transit Building on Lake St where 600 men report daily is a collection of books for the men, and in the Nicoll's station as well. In all fire engine houses where the men want them is the library.

Indeed the library has endeavored to be a real public utility, and to be co-extension with the spread of Nippon territory. It is pointing out that the machinery of a library, like the machinery of a cog in a wheel is capable of wider application and greater

efficiency than has ever been expected of it.

The Library has not scorned ordinary advertising methods to let its wares be known. Last year 40000 leaflets were enclosed with water bills, a like number with gas bills. Hundreds of individual post cards ~~to~~ or letters have been sent to individuals calling attention to certain departments of the library particularly interesting to them.

And what has been the result of this activity. 5 years ago there was a circulation of 600,000 books. This last year 1,050,000 volumes were circulated and already in 6 months we have gained 145,000 over that. In addition at least 1,000,000 volumes more have been read or consulted in the library reading rooms.

Of this nearly 100 percent of the reading room has been serious reading and of the home circulation only 48% was recreational reading which is entirely legitimate.

This much I am glad to have an opportunity to say

Regarding the widespread opportunity-
which the library has endeavored to
bring to all its citizens. The
convenience and saving of time which
it means much to busy men is not the
least benefit which this wide extension
work has to its credit.
To speak of time saving devices
right here in this hotel you will find
a good selection of library books which
we have placed here for the pleasure
& convenience of business transients.
Over at the University Club is another
collection of books for the convenience
of busy members - and a similar
collection is in the West Side
Commercial Club.

Two or three years ago a complete
switchboard telephone system was
installed connecting with all departments
and all branches. Many business men
telephone ahead that they are coming
up to look over material on a certain
subject. The material is ready for
them when they come. Many others
telephone up for certain facts and
the facts are telephoned back to them.

Very much reference work is done
over the phone and a trip saved.
Many needless steps are saved by
both men and women, by telephoning
ahead ~~for~~ to find whether a much
wanted book is "in" or "out". By
filing a request for a book which is
out, the book is held for the person
desiring^{it} and word sent to him at once.
Sometimes personal delivery being made
when the case is urgent.

I hope sometime that my pet
project of a downtown business
branch with quick delivery service
will be carried out.

So much for time saving, now as to
material which business men may
be ~~interested~~ especially interested in.
Newspapers from all the large cities
from Canada, European countries & ~~Europe~~
Africa, are on file in the Central
Building on the ground floor. Trade
Journals, and Technical Magazines of
the greatest variety are also filed
conveniently on the ground floor. While
complete files of the bound magazines
carefully indexed for rapid use are
shelved on the main floor.

Something in every profession, every
business, every trade & industry is in
the library

During the last year so much demand has come for technical material that a new Useful Arts Department was opened up on the first floor. There are housed a large collection of books on business advertising methods (see basket) books on engineering, automobiles, aeroplanes, electricity, mining, carpentry & building and every branch of agriculture & gardening.

A large collection of trade catalogues and house organs have been accumulated which contain very up-to-date material.

All the publications of the U.S. Patent Office are also gathered here - a

complete file of the specifications & drawings of U.S. patents. Patent lawyers & would-be inventors are very often in this room.

The Library is a complete depository of all U.S. publications, and exceedingly valuable material from the various bureaus relating to forestry, soils, commerce, foreign trade &c &c are always on file.

The finest collection of art books in

the North must belong to this library.
Here are the latest architectural books,
designs of furniture, lighting fixtures,
stained glass windows, woodcarving,
stone cutting etc. Many designers and
artisan work here with great profit.

There is a large topic which every
business man is especially interested in, and
that is the city, itself, its administration
and every subject relating to its civic
growth. This library was the first to
develop a Municipal Reference Dept.
We are gathering information from all
~~the~~ over the world relating to cities.
Whether it be a taxicab ordinance or
a saw fence. The paving of streets
or social centers in schools, material
will be already at hand or secured by
correspondence. A clipping collection
of newspapers, pamphlets, city reports
and reports of municipal organizations are
classified and ready for quick reference.
You would be interested. I know we
are. Great variety of subjects which have
been called for. Just now we are
collecting the Compulsory Practice Act and
Primary Laws of various states for the

Hempin delegation

But after all, business men are first of all men, and aside from those topics which relate to business & civic life, you are interested in literature, culture, in reading for pleasure, and the library is up to date on the best books of travel, biography, essays, sociology, music fiction.

Because so many people have needed to have books of instruction & books of pleasure at the same time the library has issued a new borrower's card which will draw as many books at a time as are needed. An editor comes to will say, for material, he finds scraps of what he wants in a dozen different books, well, he can draw them all at once if he cares to take them away. If he wishes to take a lot of books with him on a vacation or trip, well, he has only to ask for vacation privilege and he can take them for the whole summer.

It would seem impossible gathering

to tell the whole story of the library's
efforts, but we are studying the
principles of efficiency, on our own
part, and the measure of efficiency
in every other part so far as
power can help.

A sower went forth to sow some seed. And some fell upon stony ground. and some fell by the wayside, and some fell among thorns. and so much labor was wasted and much good seed.

It is springtime, and we are thinking of our gardens, but first we plough and harrow and cultivate. We prepare the ground carefully before we sow the seed. We do not sow our seed on stony ground or on the wayside or among thorns. We sow it carefully. Then we watch the tender little plants and pull up the weeds and kill the cutworms and give them all the chance to grow that we can.

So the church of God is sowing seeds of righteousness and sometimes wondering why the fruit

Every large city now has a
Public Library

A sermon