

## ADDRESS

Today many of us have participated in the funeral ceremonies of the young son of Wm. Ivens, the founder of this church. The whole situation is unique and full of significance; heart breaking, yet inspiring fresh courage.

Here is a dangerous criminal "guilty" of conspiring with others to wreck society permitted, under merely nominal guard, to spend several days at home in free intercourse with his family and friends. We wish to express our appreciation of the humane consideration of the authorities. Men's hearts are kind, but the existing system permits freedom of action within very narrow limits.

Could anything be more anomalous than that thousands upon thousands of the citizens of Winnipeg should eagerly seize this opportunity to show their sympathy and respect for a man with close-cropped hair, accompanied by a jail guard? From the Sunday Schools came bands of girls carrying wreaths to honor the man intent upon undermining home life. Heading the procession, marched the reformed men—honoring this man guilty of sedition—and throughout the war a consistent Pacifist. Then at the cemetery children from another Sunday School awaited to sing the old familiar hymns in honor of the man who was bent upon destroying all religion. The officiating "clergyman" was a former city pastor, now a "fellow-conspirator."

I cannot get away from that scene at the graveside. While the women wept, many a strong man gritted his teeth and swore strong oaths. With a more passionate people, the occasion would have provoked a riot. By the open graveside we pledged ourselves to be true to our comrades, and in our hearts there came a deeper determination to continue the fight until every man and woman and child had a chance in life and this cruel competitive system had been replaced by an era of co-operation and brotherhood.

## YOU CANNOT IMPRISON IDEAS

Mr. Ivens is now serving a year's sentence for "seditious conspiracy" and being a "common nuisance." His voice is silenced for the time. He cannot answer the charges that continually are hurled against him even by those who once called themselves brother ministers of the Gospel.

But, notwithstanding his absence, the Central Labor Church today moves into larger quarters, and at this hour