

REACHING THE POOR.

Commander Booth Tells How His Army Distributes Its Charities.

NOT A PENNY WASTED

And of \$150 Entrusted to It \$145 Would Go for the Good.

MEANS OF DETECTING FRAUD.

The Advantage of Personal Visits to the Abodes of Squalor.

NEW IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

If I had \$100 for Christmas charity what would be the best way to give it... by personal distribution or through the aid of a street fund?

It is a fact that there is some truth in this but I claim that there is a mission whose officers receive only \$1 a week, and some girls, dressed in plain uniform, can stop a street fight and walk alone into the worst dens of our Northern and Western cities.

For example, \$10 given to an impostor or an individual who will immediately spend it in drink, or the same amount spent on new clothing for the children of parents who will, within an hour, have pawned it, does more harm in the increase of vice and pauperism than would altogether withholding the amount.

Generous Hand Versus Generous Heart.

Thousands of dollars are given annually in our large centers which are productive of results that amount to little more than a bagatelle, though often productive of irreparable harm, and this because the good such money would have effected falls short of reaching those in real poverty and need.

Particularly is this so in connection with our Special Branches of Charity.

Read the following, which I have just received from the representatives in our own language of the above named branches of work. I will, without altering, let them speak for themselves.



Two of the Workers.

Two branches of work which come most directly to those with the greatest need, in which, I believe, all knowing anything of our missionary enterprise are especially interested—viz., the "Food and Shelter" and "Slum" brigades.

I can say this confidently, because during the past 12 months the officers in connection with one New York shelter brigade alone have found employment for 340 places, and provided meals for 24,896 men, boys and children.

Turning to those engaged in the very heart of slumdom in New York alone, women during the past year have visited no less than 28,600 families; they have entered with their War Orgs and concentrated influence 10,829 saloons and 340 places of disrepute, and have personally dealt with 39,845 persons on the streets and in places of squalor and vice.

But figures would only leave my readers with the tale half told, for no words within our reach could explain the heroic and merciful efforts of these women in sitting up with the sick through the long hours of the night, in washing filthy bodies and in caring for the weak and dying.

Now, it will be once apparent that as the officers engaged in this Savior-like work enter the lowest dives and the most vicious abodes themselves, daily and nightly, and with a view to their own health and safety, they are in a natural sequence the most likely to know who are really needing help and deserving.

Living in their very midst as neighbors they can very readily detect the most casual swindler of charitable people, while at the same time they are able to administer the help for which the sincere languishing soul cries, and consequently they are scarcely ever deceived.

Oh, that we had the help that it is within the power of some to give us at this very Christmas time, when hundreds of men are pleading at our shelter doors for admission, and when the voices of these uplifted, gaunt faced applicants would move the heart of a stone!

Money Spent for Vanities.

It has been sometimes difficult for me to count my feelings upon learning of some worldly persons paying for a single banquet or for floral decorations that would supply a year's lodging for a score of the unheeded and destitute multitude who apply nightly

THE LAUGHING POLKA.

By CLARENCE WHEELER.

Musical score for piano and voice with lyrics: Ha! Ha! Ha! Tempo di Polka.

A LOVELY BOAT RIDE.

Wakeman Has a Skipper Sail Him Around Quaint Isle of Man.

A PEOPLE WORTHY OF STUDY.

Seeing the Fashionable Watering Places Is Seeming but Half.

MANX HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN, Dec. 1.-You will always have the Isle of Man clearest as a series of charming pictures in your memory after you have sailed around the island. It is only a little journey of 75 or 80 miles.

Prevention of Demoralization.

For such as these we gladly live and spend our lives, and it brings joy. Now, we wish it distinctly understood by all that are entering into this organization that the object is not to demoralize, but to prevent the demoralization of those classes whom this organization specially seeks to relieve and reclaim.

Largest Water Wheel in the World.

Coasting to the north is found a great cairn called King Orry's grave, which tradition and dim Manx history assign to the bones of the Danish Prince who more than a thousand years ago gave the Manxmen freedom's rights.

A Fashionable Watering Place.

Here of course is some true Manx color in the strange old closes and wynds of the ancient part of the city; but Douglas is essentially a fashionable watering-place as he is to the most Christian saint, will not everlastingly punish the heathen for being heathen, why, then, some people ask, should we try to make them Christians?

Superstitions About Eggs.

The ancient Fins believed that a mystic bird laid an egg on the lap of Yalmainon, who was to hatch it in his bosom. But he let it fall and it broke, the lower portion of the shell forming the earth, the upper the sky, the liquid white became the moon and the yolk the sun, while the little fragments of broken shell were transformed into stars.

A Curious Vixen Qualification.

The very walls of the curious old St. Maughold Church were built by this evangelist; and one of the strangest and most venerable crosses in Britain, the cross of St. Maughold, still standing in the most ancient churchyard, was erected to commemorate the saint's deliverance from the sea.

customs, smothered in the strangest superstitions. Illustrative, the parish clerk is still elected by the votes of only those pioneers who "put out smoke," that is, whose habitations possess a chimney; and a near Runic cross by the roadside is a proud old female wool carrier who, for cursing at the wind, was turned to stone.

When Maughold Head is rounded, the long reach of Ramsey Bay, extending five miles to Point of Ayre, the northernmost headland of Man, gives a scene of unsurpassed beauty and interest. The red cliffs and the white rocks, the blue sea, and the white foam of the surf, form a picture of the loveliest kind.

Back Into the Centuries.

All along down the west coast your interest will be divided between the strange old Manx hamlets perched on the mountain bays where fancies of foaming streams tremble like the gorse tops upon the hills, and the splendid mountain views behind and above, the Manxly discomfited Irish coast where the Mourne Mountains through the distance cover with purple their emerald green. But at last here is the Manx coast, the Manx coast, the Manx coast.

The Gospel of Wrath.

It has been represented that the whole pagan world, the bad and the good together, lies under the curse of God; God hates pagans, the only people who love God are Christians. The Christian missionary goes out preaching the Gospel of the wrath of God, and persuades one here and another there out of the darkness of heathendom into the light of Christianity, and these souls are saved.

The Motive of Missionary Work.

What a blessing to be sure that the Supreme Spirit loves us as we love him, but it is a blessing that is not a blessing in life eternal. These great truths are, indeed, guessed at even in heathen lands. But a guess is not enough. Sorrow comes, bereavement comes, and the heart is left in a state of uncertainty. What we want is certainty. And that we have in the word of Jesus Christ; and we desire that all men should know the truth of his life which goes on anywhere without the sunshine of the gospel of salvation. So we send missionaries to carry these marvelous messages.

The Diplomat's Waxed Foot.

An amusing incident of the Americanists Congress at Huelva occurred when an English member offered a resolution suggesting to the Spanish Government the desirability of making the collections in the national libraries and depositories of Spain more accessible by means of catalogues, instancing the British Museum as a good example for Spain to follow. This well meant request was construed into a reflection upon the Spanish Government, and a sense of which is seldom witnessed in scientific bodies.

READING THE BIBLE.

It Would Be a Good Thing to Try It in German or in Hebrew.

NEED OF A NEW PRINTED FORM.

It is not necessary, I think to defend the statement that the Holy Scriptures are profitable reading. The Bible has more than once wrought reformation.

The Bible in a Foreign Tongue. Read it in Greek; read it in Latin; get away from the old words. It is astonishing what a new book the Bible is in an unfamiliar language.

The Reformation Through Luther. There was that other Bible which the monk found in the monastery in Germany. Again the Bible had been lost; again the laws of God were set at naught, and even the Church had ceased to teach men out of Holy Scripture.

The Central Idea of Christianity. The whole purpose of religion is summed up in this word "salvation." The "Holy Scriptures" which are here alluded to are, of course, the books of the Old Testament.

And yet, important as this word is, and familiar as it is to many a man and woman, it is in fact a word of very little meaning. In spite of repeated definition, and of the plain sense of Holy Scripture, salvation is taken to be a blessing which awaits men in the distant future when we die, and the soul goes forth on its untraveled way, and there are two paths, one to the left and the other to the right.

It is an Escape From Sin. We desire to be saved. What must I do to be saved? Is it the race. But to be saved from what? Why, from that fearful fall into the bottom of the sea, the abyss of the undying worm and of the eternally ascending smoke. But it is that the Lord Christ promised? He came, He said, to save us from our sin. To save us, not in the distant future when we die, but to save us now, to-day; to save us not from punishment, but from that which merits punishment. No man will be saved who dies who is not saved while he lives.

It is irrational to read any part of the Bible which is not personally helpful. Everyone who has his Bible and his favorite books in his library as in any other, and to read those most which help him most. The Bible has a great number of pages, and one ought to be read with an understanding of the differences that there are between its books.

Such reading will make us wise unto salvation. GEORGE HODGES.

LUNSPOTS AND LEUNDR STORIES.

Next Summer Not Likely to Be Visited by Any Bad Weather.

Among the supposed relations between sunspots and the atmosphere of the earth is one in which thunder storms are concerned. Half a dozen years ago it was noticed in Bavaria that destructive lightning strokes were apparently less numerous during a maximum than during a minimum of sunspots.

Probably, as is the case with all other supposed relations between sunspots and terrestrial phenomena, the proof in this case will be very slow to obtain and very far from convincing, until we have learned much more than we now know of the general laws of solar activity.

OUR CLUB WOMEN.

Among workers in local charity, few are more honored than Mrs. Anna Horne McCrorey. Her labors are, as a rule, confined to the organizations of her own denomination, but the multiplicity of these offers a wide field.

She has a pleasant home on Wylie avenue, where her tact and kindness make every visitor feel welcome. Naturally of a retiring disposition, the presidency of the General Missionary Society was thrust upon her, but in spite of her own misgivings, she justly proved herself to be one of the most efficient executive officers.

How to Be President and Popular. Someone has been wondering if the president of a women's club is ever popular after her inaugural address, her inaugural address. She has a hard time to be sure, but if she really yearns for popularity, there are some things she needs to remember.

Will not make a practice of appointing non-members as committee members. Nor appoint her enemies and then lay awake nights thinking up an excuse for reprimanding them when they report.

Will not make the club feel its obligation to her, forcing on it favors from herself. Will not say she hates "newspaper notoriety," and order the members not to read the papers, and then go out behind the door and give the press representative a nice piece about her.

Will not catch a woman discussing her fall behind the neighbor next door. Will not make a neighbor's representative anything but a despised object. Will not write up Mrs. Ramsey's bonnets, anyhow?

But then she wouldn't be a good President if she didn't keep order. Who ever knew of a good President who was not popular?

Club Notes. Mrs. ANNIE HAZEMER, the popular soprano, was at the last meeting of the Travelers' Club. Mrs. McCrorey's departure from the club is a great loss.

The National Convention of the Indian Association was in session last week in Brooklyn. It will be remembered last year's convention was held in Pittsburgh. Local delegates to the convention were Mrs. E. P. Deane, Mrs. N. L. McRoberts and Miss Ella Mattie.