ORGANIZED CHARITY.

AN EXPENSIVE PLAYTHING AND GEN-ERAL CONSCIENCE QUIETER.

Fen Dollars for the Officials and One Do lar for the Needy-A Sample Furnished by Chicago A Bit of Wholesome Advice Who Want to Help the Poor.

[Special Correspondence.]
"Charity covereth a multitude of sins" "Charity covereth a multitude of sins" is a more popular saying now that a meaning Paul never intended has been read into it than when it was first pronounced. The "charity which thinketh no evil" is not the cloak-officiating virtue of today. Modern charity consists of systematic almsgiving, and serves very well to hide such sins as robbing wage workers and cheating consumers. If charity would right all the wrongs of which the people complain, the millennium would come tomorrow, for charitable institutions, organizations and so-cleties abound everywhere.

cieties abound everywhere.
Charity is the panacea to which every successful business man flies when attacked with qualms of conscience brought on by too great indulgence in dubious transactions; it is the quietus with which good men stifle their own intuitive longings after justice; the last resort of ladies wearied with too much pleasure seeking. Yet these people are often startled at the inadequacy of their pet virtue. Working people will have none of it; trades unions conduct their own charities on a mutualistic plan and do not ask for it outside; speakers and leaders in economics disdain charity—will not consider it in the discussion of social and industrial subjects; suffering does not seem to be lessened, and the murmurings of the discontented are not stilled by it.

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let such perish.

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I had occasion recently on behalf of a worthy person to test the efficacy of the charities of Chicago, and the experience convinced me that if one were in desperate straits here in this city of organized charities he might die before enough red tape could be unwound to save him. There are, for instance, five "homes" for old people within the city limits. An application made to each of these institutions elicited the information that "the place was full—there was no possible room to receive another applicant." Subsequent inquiry proved that persons were being admitted where the parties had influential friends to interest themselves on their behalf. "Influence" is as effective in this instance as in almost everything else.

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But the "charity" that for complacent selfishness and eminent "cheek" exceeds anything outside a Chicago ward politi-cian is the Old People's home, formerly the Old Ladies' home, which was found-ed on the surplus money in the hands of the Relief and Aid society after the great fire. The annual report tells its own story.

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About twenty-five or thirty of the wealthiest men and women of the city are members of the association.

A collector who spends all his time soliciting donations is paid \$900 a year.

Hg collected last year in cash over \$27.
600. The matron receives a salary of \$1,000 a year; the secretary is also well paid, and there are other officials who receive handsome perquisites. The society has money invested in railroad bonds, government bonds, street rail-way stock and manufacturing stock to such an amount that the yearly interest is several thousand. Besides large sums are "invested" in the various banks in which the members are interested.

Occasionally a rich man dies and eases his pathway out of the world by bequeathing a large portion of his fortune to the already enormous sum that the managers have in their possession. The ladies interested are among the brightest lights in Chicago society. They meet twice a month to transact the business of the home. They come, wearied from their society dissipations, with quite a relish for their well planned charities, go through a certain routine in a dignified and satisfactory manner, and return home gratified over their own generosity and usefulness, when in reality not a mouth is filled or a pang of suffering assuaged for their having thus met.

The real work which this great amount of wealth supposed to be devoted to charity is accomplishing is this: Their great building contains less than fity old people, who have each paid \$300, furnished her own room and agreed to keep it in order. Last year twenty-seven applications were made for admission, and only three were accepted. Each person admitted must sign an agreement to obey a set of rules strict enough to make them feel as though they were inmates of a penal institution. Any one can be sent adrift as soon as she does not pleased the management. To be sure, if any of her \$300 is left after deducting three dolars a week for board—a price that must yield considerable o lars a week for board—a price that must yield considerable of a profit considering that much of the food is contributed from day to day—it is generously handed book to ber

ad back to her.

It is an institution which affords an excuse to solicit money from all philanthropic but shortsighted people—a mere name to cover an enormous sum of money, which the managers have the use of. The money has been given with beld in honor of the late L. L. Polk at the Memphis meeting of the National Alliance Mrs. Marion Todd, of Michegon and the receive aid and comfort therefrom. Barely enough recipients are kept in the institution on their own money to bear out the supposition that the money is so devoted, while in reality it is being used in great enterprises, which bring profit and greatness to the managers. The charity affords a number of ennuled women something with which to kill time and an opportunity to pose as practical philathropists. Out of a population of a million of people it affords fifty old ladies a "well regulated," cast iron sort of a home at a rate as high as they could be made comfortable elsewhere. This is all it does—for all their great show of

funds and great array of patrons and

Other charitable organizations, though Other charitable organizations, though none is quite as brazen as this one, are nearly as far from really benefiting the needy. A rich man can in time get any one in if he wishes to do so. Unaided and alone one, may drop of hunger before any of these doors will open to receive him. If one is homeless and poor the only possible way to get under a roof is to stay on the streets until a policeman takes one in hand—and he being an influential person will get one in somewhere, if it's nothing more than the police station. than the police station.

It is with charity as it is with foreign missions. It takes ten dollars to get one dollar where it will do the work it was intended it should do. Business men shirk responsibility and ease their consciences by sticking up in their offices signs like this: "We give to such and such a charity. No beggars allowed here." And in the meantime homeless boys croudshivering in dry goods boxes, starving mothers are found lying with their dead and dying children around them, old men totter about the streets hopelessly displaying cards of buttons or papers of pins, and every now and then a strong man's suicide tells the story of his desperation. It is with charity as it is with foreign

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Charity never can at its best do the work of justice. All palliative measures must be but bungling attempts at a proper adjustment of human relations, so long as labor does not receive an equivalent for its productions and the natural elements of earth are locked away from man's use. But at least one could try to use common sense in almsgiving as in other affairs of life.

If you have \$10,000 to give away, do not put it in the hands of an organized charitable institution with expensive officers, matrons, solicitors, etc., to be paid from the funds. Rather look about —surely one would take the trouble to do this if one were seeking a paying in vestment. You will soon see places where a little money will revive hope in a despairing breast, start a fallen man on the upward path, save the sick, realism the erring, relieve actual want and suffering. When you want anything done well, you know, you do it yourself. Meanwhile work and hope for the time when justice will make charity unnecessary.

Lizzie M. Holmes. ecessary. Chicago.

Colored Men in Unions.

A delegate to the general assembly of the Knights of Labor, which recently met in St. Louis, is reported in The Republic, of that city, as saying that negroes do not make good members of labor organizations. He illustrated the point by recalling the organization of the negroes in the Louisiana sugar district about five years ago, and the sudden collapse of their organizations during the strike in which, it will be remembered, the state militia and deputy sheriffs took a hand, killing a number of the strikers.

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It might be said that the organizations of white men have been known to go to pieces under the same kind of onslaughts also, but what the delegate said is probably true of the southern negro. Yet, again, is it not a fact that, generally speaking, the unions and assemblies of white men in the south are weak and unlikely to show staying qualities under stress?

It is certain that the colored man in the north frequently makes as good a union man as his white brother, and in some cases they conduct labor organizations composed exclusively of men of their race very successfully. The colored waiters have recently perfected the organization of a National Alliance of Colored Waiters, which bids fair to be stable and effective. They have over 700 members in their Chicago lodge, and preparations are being made, it is said, to make a move for improved conditions and wages before the Columbian exposition opens.

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The condition of labor in Austria is very bad, and there is much suffering among the poor. Labor leaders claim that there are fully 100,000 idle men in Austria, and that already applications have been made for shelter during the winter by 40,000 persons who are without homes. The spirit of unrest is very strong, and much bitterness of feeling is displayed at the meetings of the unemployed, which have been frequent during the past few weeks.

To Glorify a Dead Leader

In the course of the memorial services held in honor of the late L. L. Polk at the Memphis meeting of the National

A BUDGET OF LETTERS.

TRIBUNE" REPORTERS GIVE THE NEWS OF THE VICINITY.

Hold a Social Hop-Jeddo's Society of Bachelors Is in Trouble Again-News, Gossip and Personalities from Drifton.

Special and regular correspondence from the surrounding towns is solicited by the TRIBUNE. All writers will please send their names to this office with communications intended for publication, in order that the editor may know from whom the correspondence comes.

The Fearnots Athletic Association will hold its third annual ball at Freeland opera house on Friday evening. It is expected that the whole town will turn out to assist the boys, as they have upheld the reputation of Drifton as a base ball town in great style for the past few a base ball town in great style for the past few years. It costs money to equip and maintain a club like the Fearnots place in the field every year, and our people should not let this oppor-tunity pass without showing their appreciation of the boys' work. DePierro's orchestra will be on hand and every convenience that can be arranged for those attending will be there. Condy McElwee, a miner employed in No. 2 slope, had a finger badly crushed by having it taught between a piece of coal and rock while at work on Thursday night.

Walter Fernau, of Fern Glen, has accepted a osition in the store here.

Bernard Burns, of Hazleton, was in town last

The breaker here worked about three-quarter time last week. P. M. Boyle, mine foreman at No. 2, was laid up with a cold last week.

The employes here received their pay on Sat-

of mineralogy and technology visited the mines at No. 1. They seemed to be well pleased at

D, J. Kennedy, one of the blacksmiths at No. shop, was off several days last week on account of sickness.

Another engine was added to the force on the D. S. & S. last week, with Patrick O'Donnell at the throttle and Denny Gallagher swinging the fire door.

fire door.

As a rule the cold weather effected the majority of the people in this locality.

Tramps have been numerous here for several days, and some of them are so tough looking that they are worth watching.

The delegate election passed of very quietly here on Saturday, John O'Donnell, who will be a candidate for supervisor before the town-

Miss Ruth Jones, of Drifton, who has been he guest of Lewis Morgan and family of West Green street, returned home on Saturday.— Vanticoke News. Bill Hynser, who accepted a position D. S. & S. lately, moved his family Thursday.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

A social hop will be given at the Cottage hall, Freeland, on Wednesday evening, by the Upper Arbutus Club. An entertaining programme has been selected for the evening, and an abundance of good things will be served to the invited guests. DePierro's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and the young ladies are working to make it a social and entertain-

ing affair.

James Weish, Jr., of Midvalley, was here over Sunday visiting his parents.

Peter Amon is the proudest man in town. Two bouncing boys are the cause of it.

The tramps who have been prowling in this vicinity for two months past and who were comfortably located in the water tank, a short distance down the branch, were paid a visit by the coal and iron police last week. But the officers were about a day late. It is supposed the knights of the road changed their quarters to some other locality where chickens are more plentiful.

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The Improved Order of Bachelors, it seems, hasn't any more staying qualities at present than they have had in the days that have passed. Believing that "In union there is strength" they organized themselves into an association under the above title and began business on the improved method. A sleighing party was organized and a date faxed, but as it is necessary to have a lady friend along that old disease set in again whenever this was mentioned. To jerk up their pants, spit on their hands, crush the hat on their heads and look desperate would nor bring courage enough to invite a would nor bring courage enough to invite a d nor bring courage enough to invite a friend, and as a result the party fell to s. However, they claim that to succeed must fail first.

The young ladies here are offering a premium for the scalp of your correspondent. Its reconstructions article and when the reward is suitable we will hand it over ourselves.

It is rumored here that there is soon a big change to take place in the condition of affairs. We are not at liberty to say anything yet, but will at some future time.

last week with sickness.

A number of men were at work here last week tearing down the P. M. church and taking it away. We understand that it will be rebuilt on Fern street, Freeland, where the congregation has selected a new site for it.

Several young men from Beaver Meadow, who were here last week taking in the town, had the misfortune to wander into the suburbs after dark and became lost. Better take a guide next time, boys.

Three was a very exciting delegate about.

for tax collector in the township. All the voters and sympathizers in town were at work

MASCULINE MENTION

The third son of the president of France is θ private in the French army, waiting for his admission to the Ecole Polytech-

uque.
"Fighting Jim" is the name given to
Rear Admiral James E. Jouett, so well
known to Washington and so welcome to
all drawing rooms.
President Eliot, of Harvard university, is
member of the Boston Cremation society,
but has not decided yet as to the disposition
of his own remains.
Oscar Wilde is reported to have declined.

Oscar Wilde is reported to have declined a nomination to the Savile club because he "feared he would be a poor little lion in a fen of fierce Daniels."

Count Tolstoi has legally made over his large fortune, including real and personal state, to his wife and children. The count still continues his work of relief among the

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Only three men who were members of the United States senate in 1843 are now living—James W. Bradbury, of Maine; ex Governor Felch, of Michigan, and General George W. Jones, of lowa.
Counting up his salary and all his allow ances for expenses, President Harrison will have received from the government exactly \$376,800 when he shall have retired from the White House on March 4 next.
It is said that the best passport through the Kurdish mountains is a letter from Dr. Cochrane, of the American board of missions in Persia. On this production the Kurdis immediately show the way.
The Duke of Edinburgh for a long time has not been very popular in England. His going to Germany to live will add to his unpopularity, and yet, paradoxical as it may seen, will please the English.
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Channeey M. Depew is a believer in scrapbooks. He has eight or ten of them, which
contain elippings from newspapers and
periodicals relating to himself. Ad his
printed speeches are preserved in this way.
Eli Gray, an immate of the family of Jay
Gould's grandfather when the father of
Jay Gould was born, died only a month
before the great financier. Gray's age was
107 Gray's mother reached the age of 120.
The discrepancy who has continuously see

The clergyman who has continuously oc-cupied one pulpit longer than any other divine in the world is Rev Dr Furness, of Philadelphia. His age is ninety, and for saxy eight years he has been pastor of one church.

church.

The youngest man in the Fifty-third congress will be Thomas Settle, a Republican of North Carolina, who is in his twenty eighth year. He is described as a dark haired, dark eyed young man, with a pleas and face.

A valuable diamond which "Hul" Carpenter of Columbia county, N.Y., wears in his shirt bosom was purchased by him years ago in the Orinoco river region, in South America, for two boot legs of plug to bacco, which the natives valued more highly than gems.

A Burbank of Richmond Ind. is the

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J. A. Burbank, of Richmond, Ind., is the owner of a fine gold watch, of which he was robbed by the James boys in Arkansas about twenty years ago. He was at that time governor of Dakota. After the death of Jesse James he recovered the stolen prop-

The late Cardinal Lavigerie, the "Grand Old Missionary of Biskra," used to wear a Florentine cap such as Dante wore, half covering his ears and falling to his neck. Fle walls of his simple apartments were absolutely bare except for a small statue of the Virgin, which faced the crucifix over the mantelpiece.

the mantelpiece.

Lord Roberts, who is soon to return to England from India, is exceedingly popular with the soldiers, for whose comfort and moral welfare he has done more than almost any other British officer. He is said to value his title of nobility less than his name. "Bobs, God bless him," by which he is familiarly known in camp.

RAILWAY RUMBLES.

The Grand Trunk railroad has arranged with the Wabash for the latter to use the St. Clair tunnel.

According to the statistics of the inter According to the statistics of the inter-state commerce commission, a railway pas-senger stands one chance in 10,823,153 to be killed while traveling.

The Grand Trunk railway is arranging for the World's fair. It is having 200 special passenger cars built for Chicago traffic. They are all Pullman cars of the latest type.

J T Lane, traveling passenger agent of the Baltimore and Ohio, has been with that road thirty-four years. He is well known in railroad circles all over the coun-

The Pennsylvania has added to its line west of Columbus fifty new coaches, will add as many excursion cars, and by March I will have fifteen more passenger engines than the present equipment.

Mr. H. Roscoe, who took the first engine from Birmingham to London on the Great Western line in 1852 and the first from the new" Paddington terminus in 1851, has ust retired from active service.

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Bargains

which we have in our over-crowded store rooms awaiting your inspection.

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must be reduced as much as possible and we will close them out at must-be-sold prices. By giving our immense assortment an inspection you will be readily convinced that what we say here

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