CHARITY AND CHRISTMAS.

Impoverished and Stricken Now Remembered.

TALES OF WANT AND SUFFERING.

Experience of Mr. C. F. Weller, General Secretary of the Associated Charities—How Misfortune Followed One Man—Struggles of a Widow and Children.

There has been considerably less actual suffering on the part of the poorer classes this year than for several years past. The police have fewer cases of destitution brought to their attention, due partly to the fact that labor conditions have been considerably improved during the year, and partly to the fact that the Board of Charities has assumed entire control of the work of extending relief to the needy. Send all applications for aid are referred to it.

Nevertheless, there is still room for a vast amount of work in providing succor for families and individuals who are in an absolutely destitute condition.

The Associated Charities is well informed on conditions as they actually exist in Washington through the dozens of cases requiring immediate aid brought to the attention of its agents daily.

Mr. Weller's Experiences.

Mr. Charles F. Weller, general secretary of the Associated Charities, graphically described yesterday the conditions existing in some of the homes of this city. Mr. Weller has lived and worked in the slums of this and various other large cities, and he is thoroughly conversant with the subject. He has visited homes in the southeastern section of Washington during the present cold snap where there were no panes of glass in the windows and the apertures had been partially covered with paper and rags.

"In many homes there are no fires, nor even a stove in which one could be built. Food and clothing are wofully lacking in a great many instances, and in some cases little children are compelled to remain indoors for lack of shoes or stockings.

Widow With Nine Children.

One family was discovered recently where a widow with nine small children was striving to eke out a miserable existence with no food and scarcely any clothing. Most of the children were barefooted, and the entire family was housed in one small room devoid of the slightest sign of a fire or a bed. The only way they kept from freezing was by huddling together in a corner of the room where the draft from the dilapidated window did not blow directly on them.

Followed by Misfortune.

Mr. Weller has also recently had brought to his attention the case of a countryman with a wife and four children who were in a pitiful condition. The family came to this city last June with about $1,000 in its possession. With this money the man bought a small grocery. It was the dull season, however, and inside of a couple of months he had expended the whole of his little stock of money and failed in business.

For some time the family contrived to exist in a fairly comfortable manner. Then a series of misfortunes reduced them to a stage of misery.

A couple of days ago the man sought the aid of the Associated Charities. His only articles of clothing were a dilapidated hat, a shirt, a thin suit of clothes, and a pair of shoes with scarcely any soles to them. He had no underclothing or overcoat, and was nearly frozen with the cold.

Died After Reaching Asylum.

Another pitiful incident was brought to light recently in the case of an old negro who had been blind and partly paralyzed for several years. He was utterly helpless, having no use of his arms and legs. He was nursed and cared for by his aged wife, who was herself crippled with rheumatism.

A short time ago the wife died, leaving the old man with no one to care for him. He had, however, about $10 in his possession. Some relatives in Anacostia agreed to give him a home. When they had gotten possession of his money they almost entirely neglected him, frequently not feeding him for a couple of days at a time.

When at last his case was discovered he was removed to the Washington Asylum, where his death soon occurred.

Alleviating the Distress.

These are only a few of the vast number of similar cases. For these poor people there is no Christmas and no Santa Claus. Existence from day to day is to them a fearful struggle.

The Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, the Central Union Mission, the Homeward Bound Mission, and all the various churches and schools are doing their utmost, however, to alleviate the distress of the poor. The Business High School alone contributed nearly $50 in money and several wagon loads of provisions. The Associated Charities has agents in every section of the city, and all in their power is being done to bring some semblance of Christmas into the cheerless homes of the city's poor.

GOOD CHEER ABOUNDS.

Yuletide Weather, Christmas Joys, and Holiday Crowds.

The marketmen and produce dealers are doing a larger business this Christmas season than they have for years. There is no family so poor that it will not make a special effort to have "something extra" for dinner on Christmas. A trip through the market houses is enough to arouse the gastronomic desires of a dyspeptic. Barrels of apples and potatoes, crates of fragrant onions, bunches of crisp and luscious celery stand side by side with piles of huge pumpkins from the "vine-clad hills of Maryland." Citrons and seed, cinnamon, spices, and cider are there. They are harmless things when kept separate, but in their composite form of mince pie are capable of awful inroads on the stomach. And yellow cheese, indigestible accomplice of the mince pie, rubs elbows, so to speak, with mounds of sweet potatoes.

The brilliantly decorated windows of the jewelry stores are surrounded all day by people wondering just what to give for Christmas presents. Inside the salesmen get no time to eat. The displays in the windows of the leading jewelry stores are most attractive this year. Silverware, diamonds, novelties, exquisite porcelains, and bric-a-brac of all kinds and in bewildering confusion greet the eye of the prospective buyer.

Desirable presents for fathers, mothers, friends, and sweethearts are exhibited in such glittering profusion as to make the task of the choice a hard one. The jewelry men report that their trade has been unusually brisk this year.

All of the shop keepers are busy and jubilant. The sale in toys, novelties, furs, fancy goods, and furnishing goods of all kinds has exceeded expectations. It is a record-breaking year.

The mail carriers and express men are staggering under increased burdens.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES TODAY.

Ice on the River Reaches to Maryland Shore, and Skaters are Taking Advantage of Cold Snap.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 22.—The following programmes of music will be rendered in the churches here tomorrow:

Trinity Church—Morning service: anthem, "The Herald Angels," Beirly; them, "Praise Ye the Lord," Leslie; hymn, them, "Praise Ye the Dord," Leslin; hymn, No. 185; anthem, "Come Let Us Sing," Jacobs; hymn, No. 186. Evening service: Anthem, "Let All Rejoice," Randall; hymn, No. 117, "Gloria," Hayden; anthem, "Good Tidings," Danks; hymn, No. 196; anthem, "O, Be Joyful," Beirly; hymn, No. 173.

Choir: Sopranos, Mrs. Harry Meyers, Mrs. Ada Lyles, Miss Madie Wells, and Miss Maggie Padgett; altos, Mrs. J. S. Renner and Miss Etta Lyles; tenors, Messrs. William Owens and W. Clarkson; bassos, Messrs. Elam Wright and Herbert Ramey; chorister, Mr. J. S. Renner; organist, Miss Emma Leatherland.

Baptist Church—Morning service: "The Angels' Song," Lyon; "Doxology," Burgess; hymn, No. 108, "Gloria Patri," Morsell; chant, "Lord's Prayer;" hymn, No. 105; "Holy Babe of Bethlehem," Danks; "And There Were Shepherds," Danks; hymn, No. 161. Evening service: "Cantate Domino," Buck; "Doxology," Burgess, hhymn, No. 695; "Gloria Patri," Morsell; chant, "Lord's Prayer;" hymn, No. 606; "Abide With Me," solo, Coffman; "Come, Weary Pilgrims," Tozar.

Choir: Sopranos, Misses Lucy Graves, Katie Leef, and Mrs. Thomas Ballenger; altos, Mrs. Daniel Steers and Mrs. Edward Nalls; tenors, Mr. W. C. Mills and Mr. Ward; basso, Mr. James Hicks; director, Mr. Joseph F. Rodgers; organist, Mr. W. H. Starnell.

Methodist Episcopal Church South—The music at the Methodist Episcopal Church South tomorrow will be appropriate to the season. At the morning service the anchem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come," by Buck, will be sung. At the evening service the anthem, "There Were Shepherds," by Earle, and a solo by Miss Pollard, will be rendered. The regular Christmas music will be sung on Sunday, December 29.

These same programmes will probably be rendered in the churches on Christmas Day.

The different Sunday schools are now making active preparations for their Christmas entertainments, which will be held in the near future, and at most of them elaborate programmes will be rendered.

The following Sunday schools have set dates for holding their holiday entertainments: Christ Episcopal Church, Tuesday, December 24, at 5 p. m.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, December 24, at 5 p. m.; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wednesday, December 25, at 7:30 p. m.; Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Thursday, December 26, at 7:30 p. m.; Methodist Protestant Church, Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m.; Second Presbyterian Church, Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m.; Baptist Church, Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m.; Methodist Episcopal Church South, Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m.; Grace Episcopal Church, Saturday, December 28, at 7:30 p. m.

Samuel E. Hill, a Baltimore real estate dealer, who died suddenly at Atlantic City on Thursday last, was a brother of George R. Hill, of this city. Mr. Hill at once went to Atlantic City and had his brother's remains removed to his late home, 1812 Park Avenue, Baltimore.

Twenty Degrees Below Freezing.

Last night was the coldest here this winter. Shortly after midnight the thermometer was down to 12 degrees. Considerable ice formed in the river, and this morning there was ice from this side to the Maryland shore. The Norfolk steamer, which arrived early this morning, opened the channel. The ferryboat Columbia, which plies between here and Washington, took one hour to make her trip this morning, the usual time being half an hour. Many of the younger generation are enjoying fine skating on the ponds in the vicinity of Hunting Creek.

The pupils in the Lee public school for girls have secured a large case for the accommodation of the books of the Carnegie Memorial Library attached to that school, and on last Thursday evening an impromptu school entertainment was held and a sufficient sum realized to pay for the case.

Division of Expenses.

City Engineer E. C. Dunn, under the ordinance providing for the assessment of benefits for the work on King Street between Royal and Fairfax Streets, has commenced the preparation of the data from which the bills will be made. According to the provisions property owners will pay two-thirds of the cost and the city the remainder.

The morning school of the Sunday school of the Second Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas entertainment in that church on next Friday night, when the members will make an offering to the Assembly's Home for Orphans of Fredericksburg, Va.

A young white man was last night found by Policemen Smith and Gill fast asleep on a cake of ice on Fayette Street, near the depot. He was quickly awakened and taken to his home. Had he not been discovered in time he would undoubtedly have been frozen to death.

An old colored man, Willis Lee by name, who was recently stricken with paralysis, was today admitted to the almshouse.

The Rev. Dr. Willingham, who is conceded to be one of the finest orators in the State, will deliver an address to-morrow night in the First Baptist Church, after which the Rev. George L. Hunt, pastor, will administer the rite of baptism.

Miss Wenonah Williams, of Schenectady, N. Y., who for some time past has been the guest of Mrs. W. J. Boothe, 711 Princess Street, has returned to her home.

J. T. Stover has purchased from W. H. Smith a house and lot for $900 on the west side of Alfred Street between Princess and Orcnoco Streets.

GENERAL MILES CENSURED BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

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even by the participants as tending to bring the service into disesteem at home and abroad, and to destroy those relations of mutual confidence and friendship between naval officers which the interests of effective service require. In this controversy the army had not been involved, and no bar had been raised to that good feeling and friendly relation between all the officers of the navy and all the officers of the army which is essential to the successful and harmonious co-operation of the two services in preparation and in action. A court of enquiry had been held on the matters in controversy and a report had been made in which one member of the court had dissented in some particulars from the majority and the report was pending before the reviewing authority.

Secretary Uses Strong Words.

"At this point you, the lieutenant general of the army, saw fit to make a public expression of your opinion as between the majority and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of the most severe character, which could not fail to be applied by the generality of readers to the naval officers against whose view your opinion was expressed.

"It is of no consequence on whose side your opinion was, or what it was. You had no business in the controversy, and no right, holding the office which you did, to express any opinion. Your conduct was in violation of the regulations above cited, and of the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express.

"ELIHU ROOT,
"Secretary of War.

"P. S.—Your second letter of explanation, dated today and received since the above was written, does not change the case. The necessity for repeated explanations but illustrates the importance of the rule which you have violated. ELIHU ROOT.
"Secretary of War."

Will Appeal to President.

A consultation of the friends of Admiral Schley will be held early this week to determine definitely their further course of action. There is little doubt that an appeal will be made to the President in one form or another. Naval men profess to believe that the President will not acquiesce in the request to have a trio of distinguished lawyers pass upon the evidence in the case.

Admiral Schley's friends are contending that there are precedents for transferring the case to a board of civilian arbitrators in the action of the War Department in securing the services of ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, to review the court-martial proceedings in the case of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, of the army, who had been convicted of fraud and sentenced to serve a term in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The intention to make the appeal will probably take definite form very soon.

Rededication Exercises.

The Western Presbyterian Church, H Street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth Streets northwest, will hold special services today at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., in the nature of dedication services. The auditorium of the church, as well as the exterior of the building, has been undergoing extensive repairs during the past summer and fall, and today will be the first time that services have been held in the auditorium since last July. Rev. J. P. E. Kumler, of Pittsburg, will preach in the morning, assisted by Rev. George O. Little, D. D., of this city, and in the evening the Rev. Charles Alvin Smith will preach, assisted by the Rev. B. F. Bittinger, D. D., the stated clerk of the Presbytery.

DIED.

REED—The members of Syracusians Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., will assemble at their Castle Hall, 502 Pennsylvania Avenue, at 1:30 p. m., December 23, to attend funeral of R. H. W. REED, P. C.

Funeral from late residence, 2143 F Street northwest, at 2 p. m. Members of sister lodges invited. 2d

FISHMAN—On Thursday, December 19, 1901, at 8 o'clock a. m., SOLOMON FISHMAN, in his eighty-fourth year, at his residence, 627 I Street northwest.

Funeral Sunday morning, December 22, 1901, at 10:30 o'clock. d20-2

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 602 9th st. nw. Before buying a Christmas present, call at our office and buy one of our latest improved Singer Sewing Machines. m1

NOTICE is hereby given of the dissolution of partnership of Burns & Co. T. A. BURNS, J. F. BRADY. e1

O-STREET MARKET will be open on Tuesday, December 24, from 5 a. m. to 11 p. m. m21-3

SPECIAL NOTICE—A meeting of the stockholders of the National Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia will be held at the office of the company DECEMBER 27, 1901, for the election of directors. Polls open at 12 m. and close at 1 o'clock p. m.
e20-3 SAM CROSS, Secretary.

EVERY MOTHER should take the children to see that beautiful and wonderful Dancing Doll at the Standard Sewing Machine Office, 602 9th st. nw., corner of F st. JOSEPH H. FISKE, Manager. m20-1

THE TIMES COMPANY.
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Times Company will be held at the office of the company in the Hutchins Building, corner of 10th and D sts. nw., Washington, D. C., on the 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1902, at 2 O'CLOCK P. M., for the purpose of electing five trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.
Dated Washington, D. C., December 12, 1901.
W. J. DANTE,
de12-1m Secretary.

THE Children's Hospital has a deed of trust on it for twenty thousand dollars, on which it is paying interest. Help to pay it.