

## LIBRARY MUST REACH OUT TO HELP SHUT-INS

More Books Necessary to Supply Prisoners, Orphans and Invalids.

### READING BETTERS CITY

By CHARLES E. RUSH, LEBANON. Have you who find in your public library a pleasure which you could not do without, ever stopped to think of the many classes of people who have absolutely no contact with the library and no opportunity at all of reaching it in any way?

There are the old people shut up in homes and institutions too feeble or helpless to leave, but many of them lifelong lovers of books. There are the blind, the deaf, the maimed and invalids held in correctional institutions, many of whom could find in a book a sure guide to a right way of life than in any amount of discipline or segregation. There are the little children in orphans' homes. If ever we needed telling that they crave books sure as "Mary Cary" did that for us conclusively.

Then, too, are the sick people in our hospitals. Dr. Grayson, rear admiral in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy, had an interesting article in the December number of the "Bookman" on "Books as Mental Diversion," in which he says:

"A man whose chief occupation and delight has for many years been in books can probably be helped more, when he is bedridden, by books than any other pastime. A doctor can prescribe all his life to a man in the field of ideas, he must still have ideas for his own mental nourishment even after he has become nervous ill. Nothing else will really interest him."

If books are really important here in the physical and mental recovery of certain classes of people then they, too, should by all means be provided with books.

#### OTHER GROUPS TO BE REACHED.

Besides this great group of shut-ins who cannot reach the library in any way whatever there are two other large groups of people who do not know the library. Those too tired after the day's work to come for books and those who are directed to the library because they do not know about it or because they have never yet found just the book that opened up to them a delightful new world which they had never before suspected.

It is to these groups of people who have little or no contact with our inspiration from reading that the library wishes to take books by means of its extension service. It is to the many groups of changing collections of books in the charitable and correctional institutions of our city; it is eager to place clean and attractive books in the wards of our hospitals. For those who are too tired at the end of the day for a trip to the library there should be both inspirational and instructive books placed in our stores, libraries and manufacturing concerns so that book may be easily accessible on the way home from work.

#### SEKS CONVERTS TO LIBRARY HABIT.

And in order to convert those to the library habit who have never yet acquired it the library would make books so accessible and so contagious at community houses, such business concerns as only 10 per cent of the drug stores, guild houses, playgrounds and other like meeting places that no one in Indianapolis will be able to say, "I am ignorant because I had no books," or "I am a know-nothing because I've never believed in books."

Do you consider such ambitions as those of the young of your age useless trifles? Or do you see in this program the possibility of a better Indianapolis, "where dreams come true?"

The library could be doing all these things at the present moment if it only had books enough. But that is why its hand is held out. It does not have money enough to buy books for all those people who need them. It cannot supply the hospitals, nor the institutions, nor the stores, nor half the factories and industrial plants in the city.

Can the citizens of Indianapolis who read the news not catch enough of our vision to "help" sell this book idea to the city? To help to the library outright bequests of funds.

#### SMALL OR LARGE GIFTS WELCOME.

Make small gifts or large gifts, make gifts to be given immediately or give endowments from which a perpetual income may be used for the upkeep of some special collection, such as a sunshine library in a children's hospital ward or a bookshelf in the Florence Crittenton Home.

Perhaps the idea of giving books rather than money will appeal to you more. Then present to the library now and beautifully illustrated children's books for the hospitals, or interesting story books and fairy tales for the children, and good books of fiction, non-fiction such as have been prepared for the adult readers in the community houses.

If you are a business man you will recognize at once the value of these book collections in industrial plants. Give books to the library if it is financially possible for the library to buy books in sufficient quantities to supply these groups of workers with good reading matter.

Help the library to help the people of Indianapolis. And give your help now, when the world is realizing more than ever before the need for books and when the library needs your help more than it ever has before.

### Thompson Men Win in Chicago Election

CHICAGO, Feb. 23—Returns from 2,065 precincts out of 2,222 indicate that the \$8,000,000 bond issue to pay Chicago's current indebtedness carried by 9,000 in yesterday's election. The project was opposed by the Municipal Voters' League and opponents of Mayor Thompson.

The city hall also claimed victory in fourteen out of twenty-one wards where there were factional contests for aldermen.

### DRIVE AWAY HEADACHE

Rub Musterole on Forehead, and Temples.

A headache remedy without the danger of "headache medicine." Relieves headache and that miserable feeling from colds or congestion. And it acts at once! Musterole is a clear, clean, warm, moist, made with oil of mustard. Easier than a mustard plaster and does not blister. Used only externally, and in no way can it affect stomach and heart, as some internal medicines do.

Excellent for sore throat, bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, all pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosty feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

85c and 65c Jars; Hospital Size \$3.00.



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### HARDING SENDS ENVOY TO CUBA

Seeks Own Information, Aside From Crowder's.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—President-elect Harding is sending Sumner Welles, chief of the Latin-American Bureau in Washington, here for a conference with Gen. Enoch Crowder, it was reported today. Welles is expected here Thursday.

Welles is expected to obtain a report on political and financial conditions in Cuba from the general, who was sent here by President Wilson to straighten out the Cuban tangles. It is supposed his report will determine Harding's procedure.

Welles is expected to have a report on the physical and mental condition of the Cuban people, and to consult him on Cuban affairs.

#### PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

There were no telegraph poles to count as Puss Junior and the Mermaid Princess looked out of the window of the Iceberg Express. Instead, there were numerous fish, swimming here and there, some of gorgeous color; others of white or silver hue. Hills and valleys of sand, as well as long meadows of seaweed, stretched away for miles and miles. The sea animals, drawn by the suction of the water drawn close to the rushing train, disappeared beneath the train. As darkness settled down over the quiet dell, Puss Junior turned from the window with a sigh. "I feel sickly here," he said, "and it's really supper time."

"We'll tell the porter to make up our berths while we are in the dining car," said the Mermaid Princess. On their return they found everything in readiness. Soft green seaweed curtains hung gracefully to the floor, one of them being drawn aside, showing a little white bed. It looked as comfortable as her own little bed at home, thought the Mermaid Princess, and in a few minutes she and Puss were sound asleep.

Softly the sea-bells are ringing away, dipping and dipping and white with the spray.

Ding-dong, and ding-dong, and ding-dong, so deep.

The sea-bells are singing me softly to sleep.

Over and over again in his dreams little Puss Junior crept through the darkness. The bells seemed to change their tone. They changed out wildly, until, with a sudden loud crash, they awoke him with a start. The engine whistle was sending fourth loud, warning cries. The Mermaid Princess awoke and peeped in at Puss Junior.

"What do you suppose is the matter?"

"I'm sure I don't know," he replied. "Perhaps there's something on the track."

By this time all the passengers were thrusting their heads out the windows. "Porter, porter," called the Porter, who had been vainly pressing the electric call button. But, as usual, when a porter is wanted he is nowhere to be found.

Then the baby-seal began to cry. Suddenly all the lights went out. Puss hastily caught up his clothes and commenced dressing. "Thank goodness," he said, "I don't have to bother with stockings!"

"I never was anything but a Mermaid," said the Princess in a frightened whisper. "I don't know where I am."

"But where's my wallet?" she asked suddenly, hardly able to keep from crying.

"I can't find it anywhere—and it's so dreadfully dark, too."

"Oh, dear me," cried Puss. "I've got my coat on inside out."

"Well, I'm dressed at last," exclaimed the Mermaid Princess, after wriggling and squirming about a few minutes longer.

"Isn't it dreadful to dress in a berth?"

Suddenly the engine bell clanged out more furiously than ever. The whole train was shaking again. There was a sudden crash, and the Iceberg Express shivered and tumbled over.

But don't get worried, for I shan't let anything happen to Puss and the Princess, as you will see in the next story.

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(To Be Continued.)

MRS. JAMES SPEYER IS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—Mrs. James Speyer, wife of the International banker, died today after a long illness.

**Mothers, Prepare!**

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman becomes a mother and when a woman passes through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is most needed. Many thousands would testify just as does the following:

Peru, Ind.—"Always during the expectant period and afterward I would have poor circulation and numb spells, bothering me more at night. Five years ago I tried Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—ook about three bottles of it and these spells left me and I got along nicely."—MRS. STELLA ESSIG, 390 E. Washington Ave.

Send 10c for trial package to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

### SUNNYSIDE Health Talks

By Information Bureau of the Sunnyside Tubercular Sanitarium.

HOW CAN WE REDUCE TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS?

We have spoken of the 75 to 90 per cent of people who have tuberculosis and, how to prevent this.

We have spoken of the 2 per cent who have tuberculosis disease, and how to prevent it.

In a number of cases we are going to fail to prevent infection and to prevent disease. We are going to have active disease to meet. Is this a hopeless situation? By no means.

Let us remember that 85 per cent of cases of tuberculosis if taken early can be arrested or cured and returned to normal life and work.

How can this be done?

1. By seeking the best medical advice and following it.

2. By recognizing that the treatment of tuberculosis is fresh air, sunlight, good food and rest.

3. By remembering that there are no drugs and no patent medicines of use in the treatment of tuberculosis.

4. The best place for the average case of tuberculosis, especially if it is in an infectious stage, is in a sanatorium. Sanatorium treatment is of great value even if it is carried out for only a short time, for it gives the patient a chance to learn what careful living means.

If the patient must stay at home let him follow explicitly the advice of his doctor or of the board of health nurse. Let him live out the every advantage of the open air. He has as good a chance to get well in his own town as anywhere else. The climate is of little importance. About as many people get well under proper treatment in Indianapolis as in Colorado.

Once the disease is cured, the patient must live a fairly careful life. This means moderation and a careful adjustment to work and to living. It means normal, not excessive living.

The patient should also remember that he has a communicable disease and that he must be careful with coughing and spitting if he is to infect others.

There is no royal road to a cure in tuberculosis. It requires patience and cooperation, persistence and courage. It is up to the patient if he is to get well, more than to the doctor or to anyone else.

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