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NEW YORK'S YULETIDE SPIRIT

Fifty Thousand Workers Getting Ready For the Christmas Celebration—Children of First Importance in Attempts at Human Betterment.

New York, Dec. 14, 1907.—Three hundred and sixty-four days of the year New York is "the most exclusive city in the world." But on the three hundred and sixty-fifth, which is Christmas, the barriers are down and rich and poor, high and lowly, unite in the work of making real for the children of the metropolis the most polyglot and gigantic Santa Claus in Christendom.

That the spirit of Yuletide may not go to waste, but that out of all good cheer and generous-heartedness the most benefit may come, there have been established all sorts of undertakings to care for the unfortunate—"contact points" as the social worker calls them. A directory published by the Charity Organization Society gives the number which may properly be included in the list as 3700; but as a matter of fact, the "contact points" in greater New York are nearer 10,000. Each has its special mission with which it busies itself 32 weeks in the year; but on the old day of the 265 all energies are devoted to the same end. Whether it be a prison association or a free kindergarten a hospital or a fresh air charity, a day nursery, a juvenile asylum, a legal

of boys and girls to many of whom little other happiness ever comes there is a very serious reason for the constant work through the various "contact points" for juveniles. From the youngsters of today will be developed the men and women of tomorrow, and sociologists agree that in the work of bettering mankind an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure. Children being in the formative state are more easily moulded than their parents who often are so far broken in spirit and so discouraged as to make impossible more than slight improvement.

Yet in a city where so much is to be done as here complete success cannot be hoped for from prevention alone. Many of the children of the slums assimilate evil from their surroundings in spite of all that can be done to help them against themselves. Sooner or later they commit an offence against law and order—many times only a minor offence but still one that society cannot overlook if its good or theirs. Then they pass from the world of freedom into a land of captivity whither also find their way scores of youthful unfortunates who, innocent of any wrong doing themselves, must be protected against cruel or neglectful parents or rescued from the demoralizing influences of bad family associations.

Curiously enough, however, the human miles who have come into this estate of restraint through the Juvenile Court are among the happiest of New York's tenement children at Christmas time, and for that matter, during all the rest of the year. At least, this surely is true of those who find themselves in one of those institutions which have adopted modern reformatory methods for young delinquents and have moved out into the country where wholesome air and God-sunshine work miracles in human nature that were impossible in the cramped, prison-like quarters of other days that at their best could not keep the little feet from straying on the pavements.

Perhaps the most famous institution of this sort in the country is the Children's Village of the New York Juvenile Asylum at Dobbs Ferry. Here there are



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Anything approaching a real Christmas is new to these children of the streets and slums. Last year some of them were selling papers late into the night, eating a scanty meal bought from a push cart peddler and sleeping in a dirty tenement room or on the sidewalk where little comfort can be found by one who curled his weary body on the grating over some warm cellarway. At the Village Christmas Eve will be spent before big open fires in the living rooms of the cottages, with games, cgm-popping, laughter and excited anticipation of the morrow. Dawn will find each villager snugly tucked in a small white bed which he has come to call his own, and the rising hour will mark the beginning of a round of fun. An entertainment, in which the boy take part, and the distribution of presents for scheduled for the forenoon. After that there is to be a genuine, old-fashioned Christmas dinner with "turkey and fixings," and in the afternoon there will be more presents for some, since friends and relatives have been invited to share the festivities, coming on a special train from the city, twenty miles away.

The visitors, moreover, will not return empty handed, for many gifts have been fashioned by the boys working spare moments in the trades shops, or have been bought with the merit money it is possible for a lad to earn by exemplary conduct. The amount seems small—a cent for perfect conduct and satisfactory progress in studies, but that it is given at all is characteristic of the methods of the modern asylum. There are no harsh repressive methods for forcing boys into a certain mold but all along the line they are stimulated toward excellence and encouraged to develop individuality, to be happy and healthy, in short to be just normal children. Punishment is the last resort to be used after a denial of privileges incident to good behavior, such as individual bed rooms, and greater freedom in playtime.

Two things are ardently desired by every boy at the village for Christmas Day. These are fine snow on the hills about the cottages and ice on the several ponds. In the city these things were of little consequence since the opportunity to enjoy them was absent. Now, however, former street boys have become

country lads with a keen love for outdoor sports which they are given every opportunity to enjoy.

The best that the village does for its charges when they have been made over and fitted with healthy bodies and minds is to send them west where upon farms they are freed once for all of the evils of the city environment. Some 7000 children have thus far been assisted in this way, and the records for those who have been placed on farms since the Asylum changed over to the village type several years ago show that all but a fraction of one per cent are in a fair way to become valuable citizens. For these, as well as for the waifs still at the Village, Christmas is but a red letter day along the road to new experience. The spirit of the day symbolizes the work of the "contact points."

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