

NEW WORLD FOR BLIND PEOPLE

Special Commission to Inquire Into Causes and Cure of Blindness at Work—What Sightless Ones Do and Desire.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN. (Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) New York City, Nov. 30.—For the first time in the history of the United States a special commission is at work solely on an investigation into the causes of blindness and its cure. This commission is one from the New York Association for the Blind, founded by the Misses Holt, and with Richard Watson Filder as president. It already has its filing cabinets filled with the names and addresses of all the blind in the state. When the commission has completed the details of its work the movement for the blind among the blind can be more intelligently directed.

By such work as this a new world for the blind is being opened here in New York and other cities. For centuries it has been the custom of humanity to consider the blind as a people separate and apart from the rest of the world. Modern philanthropy reasons otherwise, and the rapidly with which the modern world is falling in with the better idea is startling. The new way is to consider the blind as if they are normal people instead of segregating them in isolated places. Children have gone so far as to place them in schools with seeing children with special instruction for them. This plan has proved so successful that its general adoption is being urged.

Training for Work. Under the new order of things the blind are being trained to do work that seeing folk have always done. The blind typewriter, telephone operator, basket maker, rug weaver, seamstress, masseur, barber, teacher, piano tuner, mattress maker and broom maker are no longer novel things. It isn't charity that the blind of the world want. They want opportunity to use their hands and their brains, and when that opportunity is given they do certain work as well as seeing people. Aside from their industrial achievement they have found a new reason for existence. The blind are glad that as children the municipalities and states are educating them that as aged people they are being housed and sometimes pensioned. But they ask also the privilege of becoming industrial factors in the workaday world where they can make their own way and find an outlet for their pent-up energies. This the world has been reluctant to give until now.

Magazine for Blind People. The biggest stride in the education and general improvement of the condition of the blind has been made in the past 10 years. One of the biggest helps given them is the Matilda Zeigler Magazine for the Blind, published here in New York under the management of Walter G. Holmes. Equipped and maintained solely by Mrs. Zeigler at an expense of \$20,000 a year as a perpetual gift to the blind of the United States and American Empire, it has gone to 100,000 copies a year. It is printed both in New York Point and American Braille. The magazine has a choice, and 8000 copies are sent out to a possible 12,000 readers. The blind people help make the magazine, and it is their own magazine. It is ultimately to have all the possible work done by them. One of the blind proofreaders is now in his third year in Columbia college, and this work is helping him through. There are several blind girls assembling the printed sheets ready for the binder, and these have not made a mistake in their work. One is not only blind, but deaf and dumb. She is the daughter of a widow who is janitress in an apartment house. The girl had never been known to smile, until she began work in the magazine office and found herself a useful factor in the world. For, as Helen Keller has truthfully said, the burden of the blind is not their blindness, but their idleness.

Blind People With Stories. The magazine is stimulating the blind to literary work. Some months ago prizes were offered for the best 3000 word story sent in by the blind. More than 100 stories were received, and some were of such merit that the editor was able to sell them to other magazines. One of the prize winners, a Maryland girl, was so encouraged by her success that she has gone to work with a will at short story writing, and already has had three stories accepted by magazines for the season.

Romance, material of general interest and the discussion of current events make up the subject matter of the magazine. The last number had for its cover page a raised map of the Balfour...

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blama, with explanatory marginal notes. A coming number will have a large map of the United States that can be cut in sections and furnished to the readers for diverging occupation for the readers for many hours. A very old lady wrote to Mrs. Zeigler not long ago: "I have had my sight I would never have been out of the world all these 30 years that I have been blind. One department is devoted to the printing of the letters from the successful blind. They tell what they have done, and from their work others gain inspiration."

What the States Are Giving. Of the 70,000 blind in the United States only about one-fifth can read, yet modern philanthropy is instituting a system of home teaching that may lift the remaining 56,000 into the reading world. Overbrook, Pennsylvania, has a world-famous institution for the instruction of the blind, sends teachers to the blind in their homes throughout the country. The Illinois state school for the education of each blind child placed in the schools. Massachusetts spends \$5000 a year teaching the adult blind in their homes. Rhode Island spends \$2500 and Delaware \$1200 for the same purpose. The New York Association for the Blind and the Chicago Woman's club maintain home teachers for the blind in their respective cities.

Prevention of the Cheapest Cause. From a financial standpoint the average blind person costs \$1200 for his raising and maintenance. If proper preventive measures had been used and care taken of the eyes, there would have been a great saving to the state. Of the 70,000 who are blind, 55,000 are needlessly so. Between 6000 and 7000 of these could have had the eyesight saved by the very simplest means available. Wisconsin is working to prevent blindness by sending out pamphlets that state the simplest rules for the care of the eyes of the newly born baby, and hope by this means to save many.

Some Causes of the Misfortune. The causes of blindness are many. There are burns from acids that are neglected and the eyes lost. There is an alarming percentage of blindness as a result of the fourth of July celebrations, and the American Medical association is making inquiry into the question. Many cases of blindness are contracted in school wash rooms, and many from bad light. Philadelphia made a special study of eye strain not long ago. There are also congenital defects that produce blindness. Another cause of blindness among rural folk is the bad roads. An accident to the eyes or an aggravated case of disease is often neglected because of the impossibility of getting to a doctor. The duty for the correction of these evils lies with the state, with the public and with the medical fraternity. When these work in concert with the societies and institutions already in existence most of the needless darkness will be dissipated.

As a Class, They Are Cheerful. The blind are a marvelously cheerful lot. They are an inspiration to the grumbling, seeing folk of the world. There is Alberto Delfino, blind and crippled, traveling alone over the state of Pennsylvania, teaching the blind in homes and pointing out to parents the great gravity of leaving the unseeing little ones to their own devices. There is the optimistic president of the Blind Men's club in New York city who has put his own courage and faith into hundreds of others. There is the blind fellow here who was round teaching himself to read because his wife, a Christian Scientist, argued that he was not blind and that she, therefore, could not help him. There is the blind teacher of the Chicago Woman's club, who has unaided through the strength of the city to teach others in their homes. There is the expert stenographer in the office of the New York Association for the blind and transcribes her notes on an ordinary typewriter. There is the totally blind negro who works in the groom factory of this same association, and who goes home unaided at night, sometimes turning aside to help a less courageous companion find his way. This man's method of crossing at Lexington street, Forty-second street where the heavy traffic is unique. He carries a policeman's whistle, sounds it shrilly, and then calling out "Watch out, watch out," plunges through the crowd, and strange to say, has been hurt only once.

Want Chance to Pay Their Way. There is the smiling, singing fellow who has been blind for a few weeks ago, a discouraged, would-be suicide, who is now learning to work and to read faster than his instructor can give him the information. There is a merry Irish Murphy, who knows New York like a book, though totally blind. No one could tell the way to his home. Not long ago when he boarded a car rather slow, the conductor spoke sharply to him. "Excuse me, but I'm blind," explained Murphy smiling, whereupon the boyish conductor put his arm over the man's shoulder and sobbed like a child. Murphy's big, brave optimism was too much for him.

There are scores of other hundreds of blind people who are anxious to find out just as other people, who are not asking alms or the sympathy that is so often given, but asking the just due—a chance to earn an honest livelihood, an opportunity to know the joy that comes from work well done.

AMERICANS BUYING TIMBER IN CANADA. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 30.—A trio representing several million dollars, of prominent American lumbermen have just returned here to make large investments in British Columbia timber limits. The three men are J. C. Turner and A. Burnham of New York, and D. C. Rounds of Wichita, Kan. The visitors already own extensive interests in Washington and British Columbia.

Mr. Turner intimated today that their cutters will shortly examine various timber tracts on Vancouver island and the mainland. If any of the deals now in contemplation are closed sawmills of large capacity will likely be built later on.

FLOUR SHIPMENTS AT HEAD OF LIST

Portland Exports Large Quantities to Orient and Siberia.

WHEAT AND BARLEY GOES TO EUROPE

Summary for Month Closing Today Shows That Products Valued at Nearly \$1,500,000 Were Exported From This City Alone.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value. Includes Wheat, Flour, Barley, and Miscellaneous.

With the clearing today of the British ship Brodick Castle and the French bark Sainte Anne, the exports from this port for the month of November came to a close. A summary tells that nearly \$1,500,000 worth of products were set afloat for foreign bottoms, yet the total is about \$400,000 short of equalling that of the corresponding month last year when the value of exports was \$1,548,000. That month made an exceptional showing, however.

The foreign lumber shipments for the month were about average, a little more than the corresponding month set afloat. The coastwise shipments were rather light from Portland but a large number of cargoes were shipped from mills on the lower Columbia, and cleared through the custom house at Astoria.

Following is a complete list of cargoes cleared for foreign ports during the month.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Destination, Value. Includes Nicomedes, Wynnstay, General Falderbe, etc.

Wheat producing state has been here several times. It was reported this morning that the French bark Rochambeau which left Leith several months ago, has reached Honolulu where part of the general cargo, including the traveling public, will be brought to Portland. The Rochambeau comes consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

CAPTAIN OLSON'S SUCCESSOR. Chief Officer Peterson of the Breakwater Mentioned for Position. From Marshfield comes the information that Peter Peterson, chief officer of the Portland-Cooz Bay liner Breakwater, is the capacity of chief officer under Captain Macgregor ever since the Breakwater was placed on the run.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. The French bark Gael, which has been loading at St. Johns for several weeks, was cleared today for the United Kingdom for orders with 1,438,274 lbs of lumber, valued at \$225,825. The cargo is being dispatched by the Oregon Pine Export Lumber company.

WITH THE GRAIN SHIPS. Brodick Castle and Sainte Anne Ready to Start for the Sea. The British ship Brodick Castle finished loading at Irving dock Saturday and cleared this afternoon for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders with 119,968 bushels of barley, valued at \$80,000.

NAMED AFTER STATE. German Ship Oregon Reaches Columbia River From Callao. The German ship Oregon which arrived at Astoria yesterday afternoon from Callao, Peru, is in ballast under charter to the Northwestern Warehouse company to carry wheat to Europe. She will bring up the river in a few days to be given quick dispatch. The vessel named after the state.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE. Regular Liners Due to Arrive. Carmel, San Francisco, Dec. 1. Breakwater, Coos Bay, Dec. 1. Alliance, Coos Bay, Dec. 3. Cascade, San Francisco, Dec. 3. Breakwater, Coos Bay, Dec. 6. Homer, San Francisco, Dec. 7. Senator, San Francisco, Dec. 7. Wagon, San Pedro, Dec. 8. Eureka, Eureka and Coos, Dec. 10. Rosa City, San Francisco, Dec. 14. Nebraska, Astoria, Dec. 15. Nebraska, Astoria, Dec. 20. Nicomedes, Astoria, Dec. 20. Nevada, Salina Cruz, Dec. 21. Alesia, Astoria, Dec. 25. Arabia, Astoria, Dec. 25.

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