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Record-Breaking Gifts of \$23, 262.89 Put it at Highest Point in Its History.

\$2,000 SENT IN ONE CHECK

Four More Gave \$1,000 Each Yesterday-10,000 Share in Season's Success.

AID ASSURED FOR THE 300

And There Are Other Families Still in Want, for Whom Extra Funds Will Provide.

The fund for the Neediest Cases passed the \$200,000 mark yesterday. Contributions of \$23,262.89-nearly \$5,-000 greater than the contributions ever received on a single day before-increased the total to \$201,320.76.

Yesterday's gifts carried this season's nearly \$24,000 over last year's fund of \$177.683.67. In passing the \$200,000 mark yesterday contributions insured full provision for at least 300 families for a year. As further contributions are received additional families will be pro-

The largest contribution yesterday was one of \$2,000 sent anonymously. William C. Atwater and William R. Timken sent checks of \$1,000 each. There were two contributions of \$1,000 sent anonymously. One came in the form of a cashier's check with a note saying it was from a former contributor.

Mr. Timken, year after year one of the large contributors to the needlest cases, sent a check for \$1,000 with the following letter:

WILLIAM R. TIMKEN, 910 Fifth Avenue. Dec. 23, 1924.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, Gentlemen:

It will give me much pleasure to have you use the enclosed check for any particular "needy" case requiring this amount, or for distribution, as the associated charities may desire. Yours truly,

W. R. TIMKEN,

Rockefeller Family Sends Check. Following a custom of several years, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr. and the several members of their family who are still under age sent a contribution yesterday to the Neediest Cases This was accompanied by the following

26 Broadway, New York, Dec. 22, 1924.

I am directed by Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr. to send you the enclosed check to the order of THE NEW YORK Times for \$900, to cover the following subscriptions to the One Hundred Needlest Cases Fund:

Master Nelson A. Rockefeller...\$40
Master Laurance S. Rockefeller...\$0
Master Winthrop Rockefeller...20
Master David Rockefeller....10
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr.800

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige. Very truly, ROBERT GUMBEL.

All the way from California came \$500 contribution yesterday with the following letter: 1,484 Orange Grove Avenue,

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 18, 1924. THE NEW YORK TIMES:

I enclose with this my check for \$500 on the Citizens National Bank of Riverside. Cal. This money is to help in your good work for the Hundred Needi-est Cases. Yours truly, HELEN L. BAIN.

Another \$500 contribution came with

the following letter:

Mrs. Jansen Noyes,

167 Upper Mountain Avenue,

Montclair, N. J.

Hundred Needlest Cases:

The enclosed check of five hundred dollars (\$500) is for Case 244 if it has not already been taken care of; otherwise as you think it would be of the most good. The check comes from Nancy Jansen Jr., Shirley and Blanche Noyes, whose ages correspond exactly to four of the children in Case 244. If it is possible I should like to have the address of this family, as we might be able to help in regard to clothing. Sincerely,

AGNES B. NOYES.

Other contributors of \$500 were Mrs. Other contributors of \$500 were Mrs.

Henry D. Brookman, Charles Angelo Renry D. Brookman, Charles Angelo, H. W. Chadbourne, "H. P. H.," "Nancy, Jansen Jr., Shirley and Blanche" and one anonymous giver.

The employes of THE NEW YORK

Times composing room made a contri-

Previous to the year 1912 THE NEW YORK TIMES had printed from time to time brief stories about unfortunate families as they were sent out by charitable organizations. Contributions for their relief were received from the

How the Fund Originated.

In 1912 the plan was conceived of publishing a hundred of these stories at a time when the Christmas spirit was prevailing and the appeal might be more effective. When this plan was first suggested by THE NEW YORK TIMES it did not immediately gain favor with the four charitable organizations. Doubts were raised. There was some fear that the plan might mean the exploitation of the sufferers under their care for a newspaper sensation.

When assurance was given that a serious and genuine appeal was intended and that the privacy and anonymity of the unfortunates would be scrupulously respected these organizations, decided to cooperate in the appeal.

So the first Hundred Neediest Cases were printed in December, 1912. The results were greater than had been anticipated. The sum of \$3,630.88 was raised. The officers of the four charitable organizations hailed the work as a great success. R. Fulton Cutting, head of the A. I. C. P., wrote to THE NEW YORK TIMES as follows:

Times as follows:

To the Editor of The New York Times:
On behalf of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the many to whom it ministers. I thank you for your happy thought in publishing in The Times the stories of the one hundred poorest families. The public has responded generously to your presentation of the pitiable needs of these unfortunates. You have made a noble contribution to the cheer of many whose Christmas season is bereft of the joy it brings to the more fortunate of their fellow-citizens.

R. FULTON CUTTING.

This year's response so far is nearly kixty-fold that of 1912. The growth of

the fund from 1912 to yesterday is shown

The growth of the fund represents growth of the public interest in the appeal. Where a few, score made contri-butions in 1912, the number of contributors this year will be considerably greater than 10,000. The backbone of the fund is the multitude of contributors of moderate and small means. In the entire history of the appeal there have been only two contributions as largé as \$5,000, both of which were received this year.

These funds have been raised without personal solicitation. The only appeal has been that which The New York Times has printed. No pressure of any kind has been brought on individuals except the pressure of the printed appeals and of the stories of the unfortunate families. greater than 10,000. The backbone of

Generous Offers to Help.

It has been suggested that the fund could be increased largely by concerts, theatrical benefits, &c., and generous, public-spirited members of the theatrical profession have made offers of this kind. But it has been felt that any campaign along this line would change the character of the appeal and in time lessen its influence. The great success of the Needlest Cases has been its power of touching hearts and creating interest in the unfortunate. This interest has not died away from year to year. Those who contributed last year contribute again this year and next year. There are many charter members-contributors who gave in 1912 and have never missed a year since. Letters this year have told of contributions started in the name of children in the year—even on the day—of their birth and continued thereafter from year to year.

The great flood of letters from children this year, telling of their sacrifices. are a thing that would be missed if the character of the appeal had been changed by adopting short-cuts, instead of addressing the sympathies and hearts of readers. Hundreds of letters have told of the pleasure which readers have experienced in making contributions Many have written expressing appreclation and gratitude for the opportunities put before them to help in this

It is possible to carry on the work It is possible to carry on the work for the Neediest Cases without deducting a penny from contributions to meet expenses, because the six charitable organizations administering them are able to furnish the administration through the contributions of their regular supporters. These organizations are glad to cooperate, not only because the fund relieves the neediest cases, but because it gives the public a better appreciation of the work done by the charitable organizations—their promptness, thoroughness and careful planning. Regarding this appeal and its effects, in addition to producing large sums of money, Robert W. de Forest wrote yesterday:

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The Christmas appeal for the Hundred Needlest is over and The Times has gone over the top. A glorious victory for a glorious cause. A few fundamental principles of helping people who are in trouble have been emphasized during this campaign for the Hundred Needlest, that seem to me worth noting. First, that these people should be helped, not for the holiday season only, being left to face grim realities alone thereafter, but that the true spirit of Christmas means giving constructive help and friendship till the need is over.

A second principle is that of making this Christmas giving to our unfortunate stranger neighbors a personal thing. The Times has said it prefers many small gifts to a few large ones because the donor then concentrates his interest in one family and his giving becomes a more personal thing. I know that some of our Times donors in the past have, through the Charity Organization Society, kept in touch with the situation of the family they first aided, often giving later, as the occasion arose, until we had helped the family to get entirely on its feet. This kind of giving is a beautiful thing, meaning as much to the giver as to him who receives.

Privacy of Recipients Guarded.

Privacy of Recipients Guarded. A third principle of helping that has been rightly emphasized is that of safeguarding the privacy of these families—the keeping faith with the confidences they have entrusted to us. Some people do not understand this code of ethics, but I believe that it is just because they do not realize that our families come to us with their pitiful stories and their broken lives, as unhesitatingly as they do, only because they know the society keeps its word that their confidences shall be respected. The Times has not disclosed the true names or addresses of the Hundred Needlest because it believes in keeping faith with them. For the same reason our society has done the same.

the same reason our society has done the same. To fully understand these three principles of helping, especially this last one, all that any one has to do, to appreciate the fairness of it, is to try the shoe on his own foot. Happy days—then the crash followed by despair and want. If it were ourselves, we could not bear that strangers, no matter how kind, should know and see. We would go hungry first.

So let us help the neediest of our city always in the true spirit of Christmas and of Christ. "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you" is an excellent test of the spirit in which we help our fellowmen ROBERT W. DE FOREST, President Charity Organization Society.

How newspapers throughout the coun-

How newspapers throughout the country have adopted this plan and are making annual Christmas appeals for the needlest cases of their own communities was described yesterday by H. I. Philips, the noted humorist and columnist on The Sun, who wrote:

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The Associated Newspapers, 270 Madison Avenue. New York, Déc. 23, 1924.

Hundred Needlest Cases:
Enclosed find check for, \$25 for Case 232, or, if that case has been attended to, for such other case or cases as you may think best.

I don't know whether you realize that since The Times inaugurated this charity many papers from coast to coast have taken up the idea in their own communities. Some years ago, when in charge of a newspaper in a Connecticut city, I had the pleasure of making a Needlest Cases Christmas drive there, and it is still being done every year. So, you see, The Times is responsible for the spreading of Christmas cheer far beyond Greater New York. Very sincerely.

H. I. PHILLIPS.

Much Help Besides the Money.

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All the relief that has been given to families of the Neediest Cases is not to be measured in terms of money. Many contributors have sent large gifts of clothing. Men and women of means who became interested in one of the neediest cases years ago have kept watch and ward over that family for years. Yesterday, for instance, a large wholesale meat firm sent a large check and added to it an offer to supply fresh meat for needy families. Probably the greatest indirect benefit

Probably the greatest indirect benefit of the cases has been that of interesting men and women in children who are alone in the world.

Last year some of the parentless children for whom the appeal was made were in foster homes before Christmas. Their foster parents were men and women who had learned of the children through the appeal for the Hundred Needlest. In such cases the contributions of readers were no longer needed, and they were used for the benefit of other children equally helpless and in need.

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The State Charities Aid Association reports that seventy-five orphan children who were benefited by the appeal of 1923 are now in foster homes. This made their share of the money go so

year.
This work of helping children to homes is already under way this year. Concerning Betty, the little child of Case 74, who exclaimed, "Nice bed, pretty bed, when she was put into a clean cot for the first time in her life, the State Charities Aid Association makes the following report: lowing report:

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"Little Betty is spending this Christmas in her new foster-home. One of the answers to the appeal in The Times was from a family who wished to take Betty as their own little girl. They wrote that they had one daughter, Barbara, aged 7, and that the gift that Barbara most anxiously desired for Christmas is a little sister, 'but big enough to play with,' and that they hoped that Betty might prove to be this little sister. Betty's foster-mother is a great, kind-hearted woman, who is anxious to undertake her care and willing to devote herself to nursing Betty back to health. Fortunately, Betty recovered from the attack of bronchitis which she had in time to go to her new home on Long Island for Christmas. Betty is now the proud and happy occupant of a dainty little bedroom fixed up with white furniture and pretty cretonne hangings, everyfhing dear to a child's heart. To see Betty and Barbara together, one would never guess that they have been sisters for only a few days. They are inseparable and all their talk is of 'we' and 'ours.'"

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Each year the societies which administer the funds for the needlest cases submit their books to an audit, showing the pledge of the campaign to make no deduction for expenses has been religiously kept.

Gave the Proceeds of Her Work. One of the special gifts for the neediest cases yesterday was the \$88 which came with the following letter:

53 Lenox Road, Summit, N. J.

New York Times Needlest Cases:
It gives me pleasure to send my check for \$85 to help along this very good work. I earned the money again this year by knitting and selling golf stockings. Very truly yours, MARION K. HARBISON. A contribution of \$25 came with this letter:

letter: Dec. 22, 1924.

To The New York Times:
We, as life underwriters, know the needs when the breadwinner is incapacitated or "gone on the long journey," and knowing the great good that you are doing, we contribute our mite, with the hope that others may be led to see that every "little bit helps."
The Field Force of the Lane Agency, Equitable Life Assurance Society, 212 Fifth Avenue.

212 Fifth Avenue. George Gordon Battle, who had previously given \$50, sent a check for \$25 with a letter saying: "The success of the appeal for the Hundred Needlest Cases is now assured, but there should be more than mere success. The result should be a triumph for this good cause. In order to accomplish this, I suggest that each one who has hitherto made a donation shall look over his Christmas budget and, if he finds it possible, to send an additional contribution of one-half his original contribution. If this is done the total amount will far exceed the contributions of previous years." vious years."

A \$1 bill came with the following letter:

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New York, Dec. 21, '24.

New York Times:

I am a young foreign girl there have only been in Amerika four months and wants to give these little gift to yours hundred needlest. I am not sure in my English, but I hope you can understand.

Sincerely yours,

N. N.

Another \$1 bill was received from J. Clayton, North Tonawanda, N. Y.. who wrote: "I am a poor working boy. I am cooking at 237 Goundry Street. I am sending \$1 to help the needlest poor family." family." Another of yesterday's letters was the Dec. 23, 1924.

Hundred Neediest Cases:

Here is \$5 for this fine charity. It is to be distributed among all the cases. I am fifteen years old and as I am about to become happy by a trip South, I wish others to be glad also. Yours very truly. EN ROUTE.

"Deeply touched by your vivid accounts of the Hundred Needlest Cases," wrote Annie Van Mehren, President, "Class D-2 of Junior High School 115 raised a fund among its boys and girls. It is in their behalf that I enclose a check for the amount of \$32."

Another club contribution was the following:

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Hundred Neediest Cases:
Enclosed please find check for \$105 toward your Christmas fund. This is a collection secured and donated by our Luncheon Club. which is combined of millinery merchants exclusively. It is indeed a great pleasure to be able to help this most wonderful cause and I regret, as secretary of this club, that we cannot give a larger amount. May we extend our best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Very truly yours,
MILLINERY LUNCHEON CLUB, IRWIN G. ROSENBERG, Secretary.

A Missionary Society's Gift. A check for \$25 came from Pittsfield, Mass., with a letter saying: "The enclosed check comes with best wishes from the Young Women's Missionary

Society of the First Congregational Church, Pittsfield, Mass." Church, Pittsfield, Mass."

The employes of the cashier's office of THE NEW YORK TIMES made a contribution of \$19.

The employes of Goldfarb, Stein, Inc., 352 Seventh Avenue, sent a contribution with a letter saying: "It is indeed a privilege and an honor to be part of this wonderful charity that THE NEW YORK FIMES is doing, and it is with this spirit in view that we the undersigned employes of Goldfarb, Stein, Inc., are herewith sending you a check for \$25. Although the amount is small, it really represents the good-will of all those who have donated, and the hope that THE New York Times this year will go over the top, as in years previous."

A check for \$150 was sent by the officers of the Coal and Iron National Bank of the City of New York.

Other organizations and groups of employers among the centributors were the Christian Endeavor Society of the Second Church of the Disciples of Christ, the employes of M. Cohen & Bros., the employes of Silverberg, Kraft & Co., the employes of the High Lawn House, Lenox, Mass., "The Grirs of the Friday Bridge," the Junior Red Cross Club of 8A-2, the 7-B class of the Union School of Religion of the Union Theological Seminary, the Friday Afternoon Sewing Class and the Great Neck Preparatory School.

The following are from letters accompanying contributions:
Dorothy Louise Jaffe. Washington—These \$2 are sent by a little girl 7 years old who is just recovering from an illness. I am still unable to write myself, so I asked my daddy to write this for me. self, so I asked my daddy to write this for me.

Adrian Henry Jaffe, Washington, D. C.—I am a boy 9 years old. Last year I sent \$1 for Case 86. This year I am sending \$2 out of my savings for Case 213.

Priscilla Elmer, 44 Cortelyou Place, S. I.—I heard mother read about the needy cases in The New York Times and I am sending you \$1 for one of them.

them. Carrie B. Runyon—I am enclosing a small check and wish you would apply it where it is most needed. It is such a splendld work and it gives an opportunity to so many to help others.

Jane Sugarman, Worcester, Mass.—Enclosed please find check for \$5 to be applied to one of the Hundred Needlest Cases in memory of a dear sister who passed on recently and who herself last Christmas donated to the fund.

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LeRoy Wells Warren, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J.—Enclosed find a check for \$5. I am glad a chance is given for those who have little money to show the spirit of love on Christmas Day. It is a wonderful work and I only wish I could be identified with it in a larger way. Case 208 interests me—all the cases do, but perhaps not so many will think of the two boys 14 and 11 years of age. of age.

A Lone Widow—This is from a grandmother who is alone in this world in
every way and a very small income, but
who always tries to help some one who
is in trouble or worse off than I am.

Anon—From a sick baby of two years,
who will not be out of bed for Christ-

mas.
Anon, New Haven—I should like to have the enclosed check used for some aged couple in memory of my father, who, up to the time of his death at 80 years, always contributed what he could afford to toward this charity. afford to toward this charity.

Anonymous—A Merry Christmas for a mother and a little child (\$10). Dorothy A. Perrin. Since I have been a small child I have been sending each year to one of the Hundred Needlest Cases, and I promised each year to send part of my birthday money to some unfortunate family, and I still promise to do so.

Gaines Dobbins, Riley Dobbins and

Gaines Dobbins, Riley Dobbins and Charles Austin Dobbins of Louisville, Ky.—Enclosed is \$1 each from three boys who are visiting in this city. If we were at home we would share in the Christmas tree there for those in need.

and we want to help here. Our hearts were especially touched by the story of the little girl with heart trouble who may never see another Christmas. Use our \$3 for her, if you please.

Anonymous — Please credit enclosed check to the case which in your judgment needs it most, which is a hard job for your judgment. It is a really grand piece of work and one can only feel that the idea came from God. Several months ago I had a paralytic stroke. I am much obliged, thank Him. I know what suffering means, both mental and physical. May 'He bless them.

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Nellson Seabury, 15 East Tenth Street —I am a little boy at the age of nine and I am sending this money that I saved up to be used in Case 213 for Chester, another little boy, in hopes that he will have as merry a Christmas as I will.

Tom Gootee, 18 St. Nicholas Place—I am going to send \$1 of my Christmas money to Case No. 206. I hope he gets well and happy again. I am a little boy 9 years old. I have helped last year and hope that I can send more next year. I hope the soldier's family have a happy Christmas.

His First Christmas in America.

His First Christmas in America. Ernest Sturzenegger.-This is my first Christmas I have the pleasure to spend in the United States, and I can't but marvel at the generous work you do for the poor of the city. As you don't refuse small contributions I beg to send you inclosed \$2. I am sorry to give so little, but I hope to be able to send more next year.

Richard W. Coggeswell, Bridgeport, Conn.-Once again it is our privilege to contribute to the Hundred Needless Cases. Each case has such a heart appeal that it is impossible to make a choice of any particular one, but w feel that our own Christmas would be very much happier if the enclosed check for \$15 were applied to Case No. 73. Elizabeth K. Hartman—I am a little girl 9 years old. I am sending the money

out of my bank to some little girl that has not as nice a home as I. Peggy Reach, East Orange-I am near

Peggy Reach, East Orange—I am nearly as old as Esther, and as I am a healthy, happy girl, I would like to help start her toward that way. I have saved this up myself out of my own allowance, and hope it will help a little.

Jane Aumann, 801 West End Avenue—My granfather gave me this dollar yesterday, and I want to send it to Esther, Case 212.

Charles Barth Elterich, Woodhaven—Being in bed with a severe cold, I will not have very much of a Christmas this year, so I am going to try to help out those that may need it even more than I do, and I have asked my grandpa to send you a check in my name, which I am enclosing herewith with the request that it be used where it will do the most good.

Miss Margaret Fine, Miss Fine's School, Princeton—Although you have received a contribution from our pupils, I want to add my personal gift also. Although I can send only a small amount, I should feel Christmas was not Christmas Without adding my mite to your

splendid charity. Earnestly hoping that the last rush of contributors will bring the amount up to the desired sum.

R. D. S., Rutherford, N. J.—Enclosed find check for \$5 to be applied to Case 76. Little Jean, or Case 11. Homesick Family. Having known the bitterness of being separated from each other in our immediate family—at one time five of us in five different places for months because of illness—we are specially interested in these two cases and would like to contribute more.

Louise R. Burghaus, 33 Fifth Avenue—Please use the enclosed small check for Case 211. All of the cases make one's heart ache to read about them, and the story of little Gladys and Annie seemed to me very pitiful.

Aunts Eva and Carrie—Some one has story of little Gladys and Annie seemed to me very pitiful.

Aunts Eva and Carrie—Some one has said that "The maiden aunt is the chief prop in some family propositions." It has been our pleasure, as well as pain, to act in the propping capacity for years, so we would like to express our sympathy and season's greeting to Aunt Mary, in Case 235, by our own little check enclosed. Thank you, in His name, for this great work.

It will be appreciated if contributors to the Hundred Needlest Cases will watch for the printed acknowledgments of their gifts and communicate any failure to publish their donations after a proper lapse of time which will allow for the delays in the Christmas mail.

NEW CASES OF TYPHOID SHOW SLIGHT DECREASE

Health Department Inspectors Find Many Fever Diagnoses Prove to Be Wrong.

Twenty-two new cases of typhoid were reported to the Health Department yesterday, a slight falling off from the number reported the day before. Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, Health Commissioner, said that as results of investigations by inspectors of the Health Department were being received it was becoming more evident that the disease was not as serious as previous daily reports of new cases indicated.

Dr. Monaghan said that in the last few days many reports had been received showing that what had been diagnosed as typhoid fever cases were found to be other allments. He added, however, that physicians who reported such cases as typhoid did so as a precautionary measure after a superficial examination, in compliance with the request of the Health Department for a prompt report where there is the slightest indication that a patient might be a victim of typhoid infection.

"In many such cases," Dr. Monaghan explained, "the physician in attendance ordinarily would make no report on the ailment to the Health Department. The fact that such cases are reported to us, however, indicates the cooperation we are receiving from the physicians of this city in attempting to stamp out the outbreak." few days many reports had been re-

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