

FUND PUTS SUNSHINE INTO NEEDY HOMES

Aid for Unfortunate Families Keeps Pace With the Daily Contributions.

ANOTHER \$1,000 GIFT COMES

Mrs. Wm. K. Kallman Among the Large Donors—Guy A. Loomis Cables \$500.

TOTAL IN HAND NOW \$66,181

Speedy Help Is Asked to Lift the Burdens From Distressed Families Before Christmas.

Contributions of \$8,398.75 increased the total for the neediest cases yesterday to \$66,181.49. Hundreds of cases are still in need of help. The present total is only a little more than one-quarter of last year's figure of \$260,998.26, which provided for 345 cases. It is hoped this year to relieve a still greater number of cases.

The largest contribution yesterday was one of \$1,000, sent by Mrs. William Kerbs Kallman, who writes: New York City, Dec. 10.

Hundred Neediest Cases:

It gives me great pleasure to again contribute to that worthy charity, "The Hundred Neediest Cases," and I am herewith enclosing a check for \$1,000, which you may distribute wherever it will do the most good.

The simple way in which you present the cases goes straight to the heart, and I hope that not only will you reach in amount the goal you have set for yourself this year, but attract many new contributors, so that you will exceed it by far. With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
JEANNE KERBS KALLMAN,
Cables Order for Gift.

A contribution of \$500 was made by Guy A. Loomis, head of G. A. Loomis & Co., 42 Broadway. He is abroad, but he cabled to his representatives here to give \$500 to the neediest cases for him.

Other large contributors were Mrs. Henry B. Wilson, \$400; "Jedediah Tingle," \$300; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Newman, \$200; Virginia Butler, \$150; W. L. Hernstadt, \$250.

Among the contributors of \$100 were William Fellowes Morgan, Colonel J. A. Benjamin of the Schenectady General Reserve Depot, John J. Pulleyn, President of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Low, Caroline L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Levy, Margaret Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blair, Mrs. G. M. Maynard, H. D. Bessen and Arthur Lipper.

Forty-five contributions were made yesterday in memory of dear ones.

"I am an old man in my ninetieth year," wrote one contributor. "I send \$3 in memory of my son, Louis Levy, to help others. Excuse my writing. My hand shakes."

One of the contributions was in memory of Barney Bernard, the comedian. Among the letters accompanying contributions was the following:

Technical High School, Scranton, Pa. Dec. 10, 1926.

Hundred Neediest Cases: Once again I wish to thank you for the privilege you afford me of giving to the nation's most worthy Christmas fund. In all America I feel there is no single effort to alleviate pain or to assuage grief which compares with the Hundred Neediest Cases.

I consider the list an honor roll and wish that I were possessed of enough of the world's goods to occupy a place on it such as Abou Ben Adhem on a similar one.

Yours most sincerely,
MICHAEL J. COSTELLO,
Vice Principal.

Young Explorer Aids Fund.

David Binney Putnam, the 13-year-old explorer and author, sent a check for \$25 with the following letter:

Hundred Neediest Cases: Dad showed me about the hard luck of Davy, your Case No. 1. Well, I've been most awfully lucky this year and so I want to send Davy a little present. Please use for him my check for \$25.

Sincerely,
DAVID BINNEY PUTNAM.

Checks should be made payable to "The Hundred Neediest Cases Fund" and sent to THE NEW YORK TIMES or to one of the six charitable organizations. Contributors may specify a particular case, or a particular society to receive the money, otherwise it is placed in the general fund for the neediest cases. Each check sent for a specific case goes to the society sponsoring that case, with a notification of the use intended for it. Sometimes the contributions for a particular case exceed its needs. The excess is used for other needy families.

Contributions designated for a particular society are immediately forwarded to it. Where no specific instructions are given for the use of the money it is divided among the six societies. A check covering the day's receipts is sent to each society on the following day.

The money is used, at once to carry out plans for the relief of each case. Emergency relief is given by the six charitable organizations immediately whenever any case comes to their attention, but their means are not sufficient to enable them to provide fully for all the unfortunate families and the afflicted children and old people who are under their care.

Contributions for the neediest cases make it possible to carry out plans which go further than emergency relief. They make it possible to provide decent surroundings, ample food of the right kind, hospital and sanitarium

care, trade training for children and occupational re-education for the blind and crippled.

Family's Privacy Respected.

The family is aided without any public exposure of its misfortunes. Its privacy is thoroughly respected. The actual names of the families are not even known to The Times. Only with the consent of the families is it possible for those who wish to give personal assistance, to visit them. This, of course, does not apply to children who are alone in the world. What the appeal does for them is to give them medical care and the proper kind of life and training, to build them up into healthy and attractive children. Nearly all of them are, sooner or later, adopted into good homes.

In the case of aged women and aged couples who have outlived all their relatives all that contributions can do is to keep them comfortable in their old homes, saving them from the sorrow of ending their days in a poor house, far from old companions and surroundings. In all other cases the ultimate aim is to help a family through its trials and to assist it in resuming the battle of life by its own efforts.

In cases where a widow has many small children to rear the day when the family can be self-sustaining is years distant. Others, with well-directed aid and encouragement, may regain their independence in a few months. The family's effort to make its own way is strongly supported. Everything is done to win back the health of invalids and by special training of growing children and the partially disabled to develop the family's earning capacity.

Messages With Gifts.

The following are passages from the letters of contributors:

L. T. P., M. D.—Kindly credit the enclosed check "In memory of my beloved Anna." This is a most inspiring and beneficent work. Our profession responds and gladly, to many cases for "sweet charity's sake" all the year round, but little Raggedy Ann strongly appealed to me, as my own beloved Anna has "crossed over," and will joyously smile down upon me, as she was always so interested in this annual appeal. May the harvest be full and overflowing.

Arthur Lipper—I have read in your paper of the splendid work that you are doing to help the unfortunate and take great pleasure in enclosing herewith my check to the order of the Hundred Neediest Cases fund for \$100 to further assist in this good work.

Mrs. Samuel M. Newburger—I enclose as my contribution to your fund, check for \$100 in memory of my parents—Joel and Bertha Gutman. I am very glad to help in this worthy cause. I consider it one of the most meritorious and deserving of all charity movements.

Stephen W. Graydon, Summit, N. J.—Here is a dollar which I have saved since last year.

Ann Batchelder—Of all the charities with which the world is full, this one has the greatest appeal and should receive all the support you ask for it, each and every Christmas.

A Privilege to Help.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton S. Radenberg—We are sending our contribution of \$100 to the Hundred Neediest Cases and feel it a privilege in thus helping to give the necessary immediate aid.

R. T. B.—Enclosed please find post-office order for \$5 which I hope will help bring Christmas cheer to one of the needy cases.

Gertrude Ryder Smith—Enclosed please find my check for \$5. I would like it applied to Case 38. It gives me pleasure to again be able to send another contribution to help those in need. I hope this mother and her little daughter may not have to be separated.

Leon G. Goodman—Enclosed please find my annual contribution to this worthy cause. I hope that your efforts will exceed previous years.

H. Alpert—I am enclosing a check for \$5 in the name of my six-months-old son, Burton M. Alpert. Thus, although he does not know it, he will be contributing in a small way to the happiness of some unfortunate child.

David A. Pollock—I am enclosing herewith my check for \$5 to be applied

to Case 68. The good work done in this connection deserves the highest commendation, and I feel privileged in being able to help, even in such a small way.

E. A. B.—I am glad to see that the fund has been growing so rapidly and trust that in this year of extraordinary prosperity for the country as a whole you may see the total reach a figure far in excess of that for any preceding year. I need not add that I feel that this work is one of the greatest things being done by any agency to help those in misfortune and to mitigate somewhat the pressure of present-day civilization upon the less fortunate ones near the bottom of the financial ladder.

Ruth Brown—Please accept this small contribution of \$5 to the Hundred Neediest Cases to be used wherever you see fit. I know you are giving assistance only to those who are in dire need and worthy of and deserving your aid. This noble work should receive the support of the public at large, and it is gratifying to see the names of large numbers who are making substantial contributions to this worthy cause.

Children Answer Appeal.

Jerry and Elizabeth Greene, aged 3½ and 1½—This is my third contribution, and my little sister's second to the Hundred Neediest Cases. Please use this \$5 for the poor little girl whose dog, though so thin and hungry, was so faithful to her. We have a dog which we love, too. We send our very best wishes for greater success than ever.

Oscar H. Banghart—I am enclosing check for \$20, which I would be pleased to have you apply on Case 4 to help gladden the Christmas of this unfortunate family. If the fund for this case is complete, you may apply the amount to any other needy case. I am always glad to help this worthy charity and compliment you for your effort in behalf of the same.

Ruth and Virginia—Enclosed please find check for \$5. This is a small gift from two little girls in Jersey who want their money to be sent to little Betty in Case 13. They hope her Christmas Day will be happy and they know their day will be happier because in giving up something for Betty they have found out the real spirit of Christmas.

Louise V. Brant—Enclosed please find check for \$10 for the Hundred Neediest Cases. May the fund go over the top.

Edward Weidenbach—Enclosed please find check for \$10 for the Hundred Neediest Cases Fund, my annual contribution to this noble charity.

Mary F. Knapp, Kingston—I am thankful to have the privilege of lending a helping hand, even though in so small a way as the enclosed check represents. It is offered in memory of M. D. R., a woman doctor, who "went about doing good."

Edna B. Stein—Enclosed find my check for \$15, an increase over last year's contribution. Will you please apply it to Case 66, as that one appeals to me most, owing to the fact that my mother died two years ago with a heart affliction, too. "In memory of Ida W. Stein." I wish it to be listed.

Glad to Help the Cause.

Harvey A. Steinfeld—Every year I welcome the opportunity to help bring sunshine among your selected and most worthy Hundred Neediest Cases.

Benjamin B. Warfield—Permit me to add my small contribution to this great-hearted enterprise.

Anonymous—It gives me great pleasure to enclose check for \$10 for the relief of Case 82. If it should be that this case is fully provided for, please apply my gift to Case 70, which seems almost as pathetic as Case 82.

John J. Pulleyn, President of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank—Enclosed herewith please find my check for \$100 for one of the Neediest Cases reported by Catholic charities. May the response to your appeal be increased one hundred fold over those of 1925.

Mrs. Carolyn G. Whittemore—While thinking of the neediest cases, the enclosed verses came to me:

Oh, list to the call of the needy,
Surely you'll not turn a deaf ear
To those who are friendless and lonely,
And whose days are haunted with fear.

Out of the storehouse of plenty
Let us share with our brethren here;
We'll have no right to our Christmas
If we do not give them good cheer.

Remember the words of the Saviour
Before Whom we now bend the knee,
He who gives gladly to one of the least
Gives also a gift unto me.

Advertisement Does Its Bit.

Victor Morits, National Business Review—I enclose herewith two checks, one for \$35, which you will find endorsed by James S. Anderson & Co. This check was given to us for an advertisement placed in our paper and during the conversation with the gentleman in question, he made a statement that he would give \$35 to any charity in payment for the ad. We therefore thought it would be a good opportunity of placing in your hands this particular check for \$5 to apply to the same fund. The salesman in question did not draw his commission on this account and we therefore give it in the name of Mr. Davis and Mr. De Baer. We trust this will alleviate some poor family and they will enjoy a merry Christmas.

Florence G. Bayne—I hope some sad, needy old woman may be made happier by this check.

H. B. D.—"Again the silent wheels of time their annual round have driven" and we are reminded of the splendid annual effort for the Neediest Cases Fund. The cases are all so pitiful I can hardly read them. I enclose my check for \$10 and regret that it is so small. You may give it to Case 14, little six-year-old Helen, unless she is already provided for. Please list it in memory of M. B. L. with earnest wishes for the success of this beautiful charity.

Myra Ehrenfeld—Enclosed please find a check for \$10 to be used for Case 3. This money is sent by the girls of the seventh grade of the Robert Louis Stevenson School, who have been interested in this case.

Mary E. Jenkins—Please apply enclosed check toward the relief of the two aged sisters mentioned in Case 79. Sorry I am not in a position to contribute a larger sum, but feel that I ought to do something to help ameliorate the condition of these stricken sisters.

The following contributions have been received, but were erroneously acknowledged in previous lists: Nanny W. Yuille, \$100; Mrs. Charles H. May, \$10; Karl Ely Wallach, \$10; H. C. Loughran, \$5; "In Memory of Nathan Coleman," \$50.

The following are cases whose needs have not yet been met:

CASE 71.

Two Hungry Children Whose Parents Cannot Feed Them.

Three-year-old Mary and two-year-old Marian do not have enough to eat, ordinarily, but they have a feast when the kind-hearted grocer, who lives below them, sends up the package of

broken crackers and the overripe fruit and unsalable vegetables that he always saves for them. Their father is in a hospital; their mother cannot move her right hand; their grandmother, 65, is helpless from rheumatism. The landlord has gone without his rent for several months, but he is becoming impatient. The mother is in despair at the thought that she will have to let Mary and Marian go to institutions unless help is forthcoming.

Amount needed, \$675.
Case attested and administered free of cost by the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, 80 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn. (Telephone Triangle 0710.)

CASE 81.

A Son Assumes the Place of His Stricken Father.

"Is that your son, Mr. Graves?" asked the sanatorium nurse of one of the patients who had just had a visitor. "What a fine looking boy!" "George is a fine boy," replied the sick man; "the finest boy you ever knew! We were going to send him to college, but, of course, there is no hope now * * * His voice choked.

Mr. Graves was a printer. He had been a healthy, hard-working man. In his fiftieth year he learned that he was in a bad way with tuberculosis of both lungs. George, who was 16, had to leave school and find work as a clerk. The mother is afflicted with increasing deafness, which makes it impossible for her to take up any outside occupation. The father is improving very slowly. He may recover his health entirely in time, but they will be in great need for a year or two.

Amount needed, \$580.
Case attested and administered free of cost by the Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street. (Telephone Gramercy 4066.)

CASE 77.

A Father Flees, Leaving His Family of Five Destitute.

Bessie is 10, but is only in the first grade. When she was away from school for several days, the teacher asked about her. None of the other children knew what had happened and the teacher went to investigate. She had a good deal of trouble reaching the but where Bessie lived. There were no streets near it, and finally she found it—a desolate spot near Jamaica Bay. The teacher learned that Bessie had to stay at home to look after and cook for the four other children, because her grandmother was ill. Her mother could not be at home in the daytime because she is the only breadwinner. She walks half a mile each day to and from a factory. The father was an iceman. A year ago he shot and killed another iceman for stealing his customers, and since then he has been a fugitive. At night the grandmother, the mother and the four children huddle in two big beds under thin blankets, piling their clothing over themselves for additional warmth. The

children's toys are made-over pieces of tin from a junk heap. Julia, 5, and Etta, 3, are so thin that every bone shows. Baby Mat is greatly undernourished. The mother is worn out by hard work at the factory, long walks going and coming, and long hours washing, ironing and doing other housework at night. She cannot carry the burden alone any longer.

Amount needed, \$875.
Case attested and administered free of cost by the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, 80 Schermerhorn Street. (Telephone Triangle 0710.)