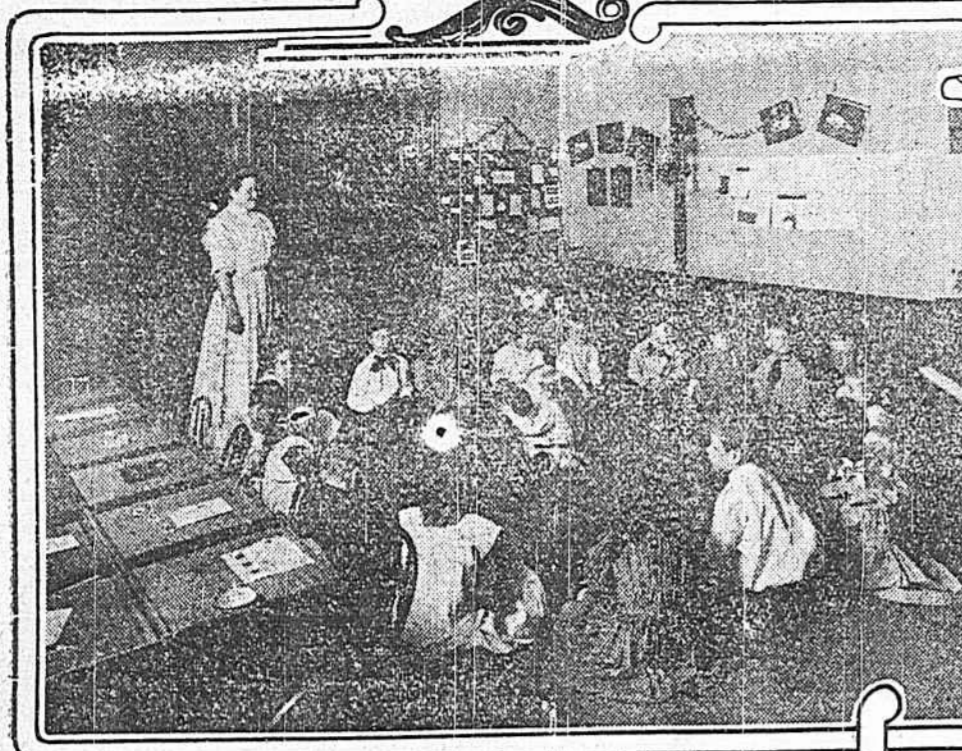


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THE appointment of blind commissions in various States, the opening of numerous experimental stations for the blind, the organizations of the New York Association for the Blind and the opening of the Sunshine Blind Babies Home in Brooklyn—all within the past five years leads people to think that the psychic moment has arrived when the blind of this country will receive the attention they deserve. Europe has been for many years more progressive than we in the care of these unfortunate but we are at last beginning to appreciate the need of economic equipment for those afflicted with the loss of sight. If the movements toward bettering our facilities for the blind increase it is hoped that those suffering with blindness will be emancipated from the narrow field to which they are relegated. There are striking examples of what blind persons can do, and what one can do, others can try.

Though in the last one hundred and fifty years two blind women, one in France and one in Austria, helped toward instructing fellow sufferers, it was Valentine Haug who printed the first book for the blind and founded the National Institute for the Blind in Paris in 1784. Here both sexes are trained to meet the world. There are technical, musical and manual training courses and an employment bureau which is remarkably successful. Piano tuners, makers and saleswomen have left the institute prepared to make livings and eight of the famous churches in Paris have organists edu-

cated here.

Fully fifty years after the foundation of this Institute the first American schools for the blind were founded, by Dr. Friedlander, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Howe, of Boston. Dr. Howe had already educated Laura Bridgman and Dr. Friedlander started the school at Overbrook, Pa., which is today one of the most progressive institutions in the country and possesses the most beautiful grounds of any such school. Since then, the movement has grown so that many States have institutions for the blind. Although efforts are made to prevent infantile blindness, and these schools are, as a rule, well equipped, the home teaching societies in America are inferior to those abroad. Recently, the legislature of Massachusetts made an appropriation to employ three blind teachers and Rhode Island and Pennsylvania have Home Teaching Societies, but New York has no appropriation for this purpose. Neither are our libraries or magazines for the blind equal to those abroad, though Mrs. Zeigler established a magazine which will be printed both in Braille and New York Point. This raised print which is universally used is the invention of Louis Braille, a teacher in the National Institute for the Blind. He died without seeing his alphabet adopted but it consists of using six dots to represent the various twenty-six letters. The New York point is a horizontal adaptation of the six points which in Braille are used perpendicularly.

In order to aid the blind to become self-supporting and obtain work the

New York Association for the Blind was organized a short time ago. In the few years of its existence it has done wonders in helping people through the fearful depression that follows the loss of sight and in teaching and providing work. Its mission is largely among the adult blind. In Pennsylvania and other States a teacher is sent to the homes to instruct. One difficulty these teachers report is lack of sufficient books for the blind in libraries, some having none at all, and others providing only one type. The need of public libraries is largely unappreciated when one reflects what a comfort reading is to afflicted persons. The libraries of the Valentine Haug Association in France are kept by blind librarians, who need no outside help. Four gentlemen are employed to catalogue and superintend. They have four hundred copyists putting ink-print into Braille, a shipping department from which books are sent to the blind throughout France and other countries, and they publish two maga-

zines for the sightless. Much of this success is due to M. de la Sizeranne, "General Secretary of the Blind and Invalids," a philanthropist and author who has succeeded in obtaining the cooperation of the best thinkers everywhere. One persistent and remarkable stumbling block that blind educators have to contend with is the reluctance of parents of sightless children to send them to school where they can be taught to be useful. In many instances, there are people so ignorant that they do not know such schools exist, but it is a selfish affection which will allow a blind child to grow up without being equipped for life. For this reason, some of the best schools in the country, among them the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, send out field workers who search for and urge on parents the importance of sending their children to school. At such homes this means a chance to obtain an opportunity to lead a useful life but most institutions have a list of parents who will not be asked for help.

This seems incredible when it is known how much good such a school like the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind accomplishes. It has a literary department, and music, manual training and industrial arts are taught. A new feature is a store in which practical salesmanship is taught in connection with and as a part of the business course. Each month two of the senior boys conduct the store, one as a storekeeper, the other as a clerk. The next month, the storekeeper is retired, the clerk is promoted to storekeeper and a new clerk is added. Inventories are made each month, additional goods ordered, ledger kept in Braille, bills rendered on the typewriter and receipts in longhand and a statement of business made. Such things as candy, cakes, collar buttons and small notions are kept. A recent addition is a printing office to copy books into Braille. Books, choruses and - - - are changed and stenog-

nection with the work.

It is generally conceded that if a child can be taken early in life and taught, half of the battle is won. Realizing this, Cynthia Westover Alden started the Sunshine Home for Babies in Brooklyn. Previous to the opening of this home there were only two places where blind babies could be cared for—in Boston and Hartford. Twenty-five babies are now in this Sunshine Home. They come from various States, many little things, fearful of everything. Under the kindness and kindergarten training they learn to play, dig in the soil, jump and enjoy what other children do. The home is non-sectarian and all nationalities are admitted. Some of the cases come from spinal meningitis and scarlet fever, but many instances of blindness in children are due to lack of proper care at time of birth and after. It is conceded that over 30 per cent of blindness is unnecessary, 25 per cent being caused by infant ophthalmia, which is a preventable disease and for which the law holds the person in charge at the birth of a baby responsible. Few realize the number of blind children among the poorer classes and the influences that surround them often stunt them mentally and physically. A blind child is apt to lead a neglected life without the play and study that other children enjoy.

Gradually but surely the education of the blind is rising to a higher plane and the time will slowly come when it will be provided for by an educational fund. It will then cease to be a charity and become an accepted means of assisting persons to earn their livings. This is what the blind desire. When it was decided to found the Buffalo Association after the New York Association was started, two blind beggars who made a living in this way, asked to be taught some trade whereby they could feel self-respect. Fortunately, it is gradually being understood that the blind excel in

certain occupations. Massage by the blind is an accepted business in London, in Japan out of one thousand masseurs, nine hundred were blind. Their sense of touch is so acute that at Overbrook massage is an important part of the curriculum. In fact, it is wonderful what the blind can do if they are given an opportunity to learn and to apply their knowledge. A blind electrician keeps the bells and batteries in order in the New York Association and two blind girls act as secretaries in the office. This association asks the public to dictate letters to these girls and to phonographic records and let them typewrite them. They have pupils give shampooing, facial and scalp massage, that tune pianos, make lace, of rafia and sweet grass, knit and crochet, and prepare beadwork, especially artistic lamp shades to match draperies and walls. Every effort is made to have the public employ these trained blind persons and to send them tickets for concerts, theatres and lectures.

Present efforts for the blind may be in their infancy, but certain things are established as essential for their relief. These are laws to prevent unjust training, technical and manual training, special classes for backward blind children, scholarships for qualified blind students, shops where the blind can carry on their trades, home teaching associations, bureaus of information, employment bureaus, homes for aged and infirm blind, free circulating libraries and reduced car fare for blind people and their guides. But the students of conditions that surround blind people feel that what is wanted most of all is occupation. Whether these afflicted persons are taught at home or in some institution or in the public schools, as has been tried in Chicago, the cry is the same. That cry is: "Light comes through work." Once equipped to meet the world half way the fetters will seem less cruel.

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All persons having claims against the estate of Frank E. Jones, deceased, will present the same to the undersigned, on or before October 14th, 1911, or be debarred payment.

Isaac Rivers,
Benjamin Washington.
Executors of Frank E. Jones, deceased.
Sept. 11th, 1911.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the third day of October, 1911, the undersigned will file with the Judge of Probate in and for the County of Orangeburg, South Carolina, their final account as administrators of the estate of Emanuel E. Bull, deceased, and will thereupon apply to the Probate Court for their final discharge as such administrators.

All persons holding claims against the estate of the said Emanuel E. Bull, deceased, must present their claims duly proven to the undersigned, or to Glaze & Herbert, Attorneys, Orangeburg, S. C., on or before Monday the second day of October 1911, or be debarred payment; and all persons indebted to said estate must make payment to the undersigned on or before the last mentioned date.

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