

MOST PROPERTY IS DUE TO ILL-HEALTH

Nathan Straus Says that His Motto is "To Help the Poor to Help Themselves."

Self-preservation is the first law of nature, Nathan Straus, the philanthropist, says in THE DELINEATOR for December. Self-sacrifice in the interest of society is a prime law of civilization. Willingness to sacrifice one's pleasure and comfort in some degree to needs of humanity—this is of prime importance in all charity.

I do not regard giving to charity as a form of special mercy. Devotion of a part of our wealth to those less fortunate than ourselves is demanded by justice dictated by conscience and expressly commanded by the Mosaic law. It seems impossible for society to be just. If our present civilization really gave equal opportunities to all and special privileges to none, there would be very little need for charity. But society is unjust. It does not give the child in the slums the same opportunity as the child in the marble palace. Such being the case, it is not the privilege but the duty, of every one able to support himself and those dependent upon him, to confer a part of the blessings which he enjoys upon others less fortunate than himself. It is our duty to do our utmost as individuals to redress the inevitable injustice that we perpetrate as a society.

If we recognize that to give to the poor is a just and necessary activity of the fortunate possessor of much or little the question at once arises as to how it is best to give. A true philanthropist is anxious to give in a manner to accomplish the most good. A real philanthropist at once asks himself, "What are to be my principles of giving? I have long ago answered this question, at least for myself. My purpose has always been 'to help themselves.' I have decided that I can do this best by supplying them with pure food. I try to help the poor, and especially the babies of the poor, to keep well and grow up strong by furnishing them with clean, germ-free nourishing milk. Most poverty is traceable to ill-health, and most crime is traceable to poverty; so I am trying not only to alleviate misery by helping the poor to help themselves; I hope, also, to perform a social service in lessening the amount of crime. I feel that if we gave more of our money for pure food, we would need to give less for hospitals and also less for jails.

If we are to help people to help themselves we must not encourage begging by promiscuous giving. To avoid either encouraging begging or pauperizing those temporarily in need of aid, I hit upon the plan of selling pure milk at a nominal price—for about a third of its value. So the man who receives the milk pays for it and is not made to feel that he is the recipient of alms.

Each one must decide for himself how much he wishes to give to charity. I have again answered this question at least to my own satisfaction. The old Hebrew law commands us to give one-tenth of our income to the poor. I have taken this as a minimum limit, always feeling that as I should devote a larger proportion of what I had to humanity. "Of him to whom much is given much is expected."

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Supreme Court Vacancy.

Philadelphia Press.
If the old rule of selecting one Supreme Court justice from each of the nine circuits were to be followed Pennsylvania and New York could present substantial claims for the place made vacant by the recent death of Justice Peckham. When these nine circuits were established, in 1869, it was with the idea of having one Supreme Court justice from each of them. Many able lawyers and jurists believed, and still believe, such a plan a wise one. It has not been followed with any regularity, however, and now the Second, Third and Fourth circuits are with representation on the Supreme Bench.

The First and Sixth circuits have two men each in the Supreme Court—Justices Holmes and Moody from the First and Justices Harlan and Day from the Sixth. It does not appear that President Taft is much impressed by the old idea of equal representation from the circuits. The persistent reports that he is giving earnest consideration to several men in the sixth circuit would indicate that he is not.

All things being equal, it is regarded as probable that Mr. Taft will select a Democrat to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. This means that he will make his own definition of what a Democrat is. It can be safely said that the radical Bryan type of Democrat will not be chosen. The old-line Democrat, like Judge Gray, of the third circuit; David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, and Senator Bacon, of Georgia, furnish the type of man which Mr. Taft will choose, if he selects a Democrat. Unfortunately the men named above are too far advanced in years to be considered as probabilities. There are younger men not aligned with the mercurial politicians who have been dominating the Democratic party of late years.

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Wm. Parr—England's oldest man—married the third time at 120, worked in the field till 132 and lived 20 years longer. People should be youthful at 80. James Wright, of Spurlock Ky. shows how to remain young. "I feel just like a 16 year-old boy," he writes, "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For thirty years Kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest cure on earth." They're a god-send to weak, sickly rundown or old people. Try them 50c at Freeman Drug Co.

The Merchant Marine Problem.

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The Dispatch acknowledges the receipt of an invitation reading as follows:

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THE UNIVERSITY LETTER

Crowded out last week.
The preliminary contest for the Carolina-Pennsylvania Debate was held this week. Those contesting were J. D. Bason, J. H. Boushall, both of the Senior Class; and E. M. Highsmith and E. E. Barrett of the Graduate School. Dr. C. L. Raper Dr. J. G. R. Hamilton and Prof. M. H. Stacy the committee, decided in favor of Barnett and Highsmith. The debate will be held in Chapel Hill about the middle of November. Last year the debate was held in Philadelphia, and North Carolina by a unanimous decision. Pennsylvania won in the fall of 1907 at Chapel Hill. The debate this November is the third of a series, and decides the tie.

Prof. E. V. Howell, Dean of the Pharmacy School, has been appointed by President H. H. Rusby, of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to be a member of the national committee on drug reform. The other members of this committee are Sayres, of Kansas City, and Schneider of San Francisco, men distinguished in their profession.

The chapel exercises were conducted this week by Rev. W. R. Royal of the Methodist Church. Talks were made by Dr. Mangum upon "Personal Hygiene and the care of the Body", and by Dr. McMidler upon the "Prevention of Disease" and by Professor Graham upon thoughtless destruction of property and President Venable upon missing classes. Next week talks will be made upon the value of exercise and other subjects of vital relation to student life.

Carolina represented by Fountain Venable, C. S., defeated Guilford, represented by Briggs and Vance in the annual intercollegiate tennis meet. Fountain and Venable won three straight sets in both doubles and singles. Meetings are being arranged with Wake Forest, Davidson, Richmond College, Washington and Lee, Randolph Macon and Virginia.

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