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PREACHERS PAY VISIT TO KENT ALMSHOUSE

The following communication is from the facile pen of Dr. S. S. Hepburn, attended one of the quarterly meetings of the trustees recently. The Trustees are the servants of the people of Kent county and are anxious to have tax-payers visit the Home and make suggestions as to improvements, etc.

Kent county is one of the most favoured sections, of even the highly favoured Eastern Shore, yet even Kent, has her poor. There are those who on account of mental or physical infirmity are unable to make a living for themselves and there are others, who have been overtaken by misfortune in their old age and find themselves unwilling dependents upon charity of others, for food and raiment and a roof to protect them. Fortunately, there are very few, who have not some relative, upon whom they can lean in the day of adversity, or some one, who can supply them with the necessaries of life. The poor have always been with us and are to be found every where, a christian people, will provide for them in a way that will make them, as comfortable as possible and that will be the least burdensome to the community at large.

This is a question which is now coming prominently to the front. For many years, we have had our almshouse and farm. Here, our homeless poor have been provided for in a way that is satisfactory to the average citizen of the county. It is perhaps not an ideal way and is open to criticism from several standpoints. It is not perfectly satisfactory, even to those who have it in charge.

So far as I know, all the counties on the Eastern Shore, have the same system. Each county looks after its own poor. There is now being agitated a plan for two or more, counties to combine their forces, put up more pretentious and sanitary buildings and bring their needy one, to one common centre. It is thought that by this means they can be more comfortably and economicably taken care of.

At first thought, this plan seems attractive. It needs however to be most carefully considered in all of its details, and that too, by those who are experts in this line. Personally, I can see several objections to it. The buildings themselves, will call for a large outlay of money, much larger than even the most conservative estimate will at first fix upon. That will mean an addition to our already burdensome tax. On top of this, will come an increased upkeep expense, which as yet, no one can estimate.

Such an institution will call for a high priced and more skilled superintendent, with his private secretary and other underlings in office, etc. One step always calls for another.

The superintendency will become another office, calling for political wire pulling and a bone of contention between the interested counties.

Misfortune falls upon some people, who had rather go to the grave than to any institution of mercy. There are others improvident by nature, who never do well in life. We do not want to encourage these in their poverty, by making them feel that they will be taken care of. Be known that the growth of poverty can be fostered.

Finally, we have known, good willing and faithful old family servants, who from decrepitude and incapacity to provide for themselves, had to be placed in the almshouse. Sentiment, makes me feel that it would be cruel to send such an one, clear out of the county and among total strangers, where his or her friends cannot go to see them, except under great difficulties, I am voicing the sentiment of others in raising this objection.

Before committing ourselves in any measure, to this consolidated movement, it is important to take all these matters into consideration and furthermore ascertain whether the people of our county really want it and our beneficiaries, would be more happy and better off.

It is well for us to look into our present arrangements for taking care of our needy ones. Of course all our people know that we have such a home. But very few have ever taken enough interest in it, to know where it is located or how managed. It is on the farm belonging to the county and just back of the old camp-meeting ground, known as Baker's Woods.

The farm is under the skillful management of Mr. Bayard Sutton. There is a comfortable dwelling for Mr. Sutton and family. The stock and implements also belong to the county and there seems to be ample housing room for stock and outfit. The land is about on a par with the contiguous farms. I am told that the annual net proceeds from the farm, amount to about 1,000 dollars, besides the perquisites of the garden, etc.

There are three buildings, used by inmates. There are of no special credit to the county. The sanitary arrangements are poor, very poor. These buildings are kept as clean, both inside and out, as it is possible to keep such old buildings.

There are at present 14 inmates, three of them feeble old white men; one of these, blind and deaf. The rest are negroes in various stages of mental and physical debility. One of them, a cripple from his childhood (from infantile paralysis) is capable of doing some chores around the place.

I went there a few days ago unexpectedly and wandered around among the inmates, I found everything as neat and clean, as if company was expected. I talked intimately with male and female and trimmed one man's fearfully overgrown finger nails for him. This made him feel at ease with me, so he gave me his confidence.

The unhesitating answer to my question as to their comfort, was in the affirmative, "Mrs. Sutton said they, is certainly one working woman, and she looks after us."

Five worthy citizens are appoitned by the County Commissioners to look after the welfare of the institution and its inmates. They are known as Trustees of the Poor. The presnt board is Messrs. J. B. Newnam, H. C. Willis, Elmer Jarman, Wilbur Thomas and J. M. Norris. Mr. Newnam is chairman and Mr. Thomas is secretary and has been quite a number of years. These men draw a salary of 24.00 dollars each, annually. They are not apt "to wax fat and grow sassy" on that. I think I can say without hesitation, that the county is most fortunate in the choice of these gentlemen and the inmates could not be in more tender hands.

At my request Mr. Thomas has kindly run over the records for the past ten years and reports that for that period the county has spent for repairs on buildings, coal, clothing and food including maintenance of superintendent's home, etc. The sum of $48,219.00; for labor $11,800; total $60,019.00.

The farm during the same period has produced $9,200.00 which is to be deducted from the above, leaving actual cost to the county for the ten years of $50,819.00. The average number of inmates during that period has been 23 annually. According to that statement each inmate is costing us about $221 annually, or less than sixty-five cents daily. My opinion is that this same people are as happy and as comfortable there as they can be made under the conditions. They are clean and well fed.

There are two things I would like to see. The one is, the erection of a new and more up-to-date building to take the place of an old frame one, which long seen its best day and is by no means sanitary.

The other is, I would like to see some interest manifested in the spiritual welfare of the inmates. Nobody seems to care for their souls. My own conscience smites me in this respect and I am purposing in future, when in the county, to endeavor to make some amends for my gross neglect and I am calling upon my brother ministers to aid in this.

Dr. Whaland is endeavoring to keep them in shape physically. It is up to a professedly religious community to look after them spiritually.

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FOOLISH FADS

This is a great country for fads. Let someone start doing or saying something different from what has been previously said or done, and it spread like wildfire. A few seasons ago someone pasted a sticker on the windshield of his auto, and then came a fad for "bathing beauties" and slogans plastered all over the car. Motorists are pretty much the same everywhere. Now, however, some states prohibit stickers on windshields, and several states have special ordinances against cars being operated with anything on the windshield tending to in any way interfere with the vision of the driver.

Fads are harmless as a general rule, but here is one that does not bring any real pleasure or enjoyment but that does actually endanger the lives of others driving on the same thoroughfare, as well as the life of the man sitting behind the sticker. This day and time a driver needs to have both eyes wide open every second he is at the wheel, and he needs a clear view. Anything that will obscure his view for an instant must be classed as dangerous, and the sticker is very apt to do that thing at the wrong moment.

CHAUTAUQUA SPEAKER FROM FAMOUS FAMILY

CHARLES BRANDON BOOTH

Charles Brandon Booth, son of Ballington and Maund Booth, comes to Chestertown on opening day with a mighty heritage to recommend him. For over fifty years his parents and grandparents—in fact, practically all his relatives—have devoted their time to social service. In this he has not been an exception, having been for ten years in Prison work, for several years an executive in Church work, and during his entire experience of social service connected with child aiding activities. In addressing over half a million American High School students he has come closely into touch with the problems of youth.

Mr. Booth is National Field Secretary of the Big Brother and Big Sister Federation. This international work has for its chief purpose the enlisting of the interest of men and women in the carrying on of a personal contracting service of the individual child. It is a co-operative effort that stands back of the programs of the church and school—and works hand in hand with the work of the many child activity organizations established both nationally and locally

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