

cases are kept at one central bureau. Applications for relief to private citizens or to any other agency are immediately referred to the bureau so that over-lapping is entirely eliminated and cases are dealt with constructively.

Some such plan must be worked out in the twin cities. There are many families and homeless men who suffer sharp distress in the winter season chiefly through unemployment. Railway construction work has been abandoned, freight handling affords less employment through the closing of navigation, and before the rush comes in the spring many need help. At present through the lack of co-operation they are able to draw from many agencies and private citizens and thus are encouraged in professional pauperism in this season. Through the plan above described there can be no duplications. All must go through one office and are helped only temporarily until the committee for the district to which the case belongs can devise a programme for it. This prevents the system of doles from many sources. If the case requires a considerable expenditure to rehabilitate it, such is given and the family made independent once more. While the present system persists, many will take advantage of it and will be found year after year calling for relief.