

AN EXPERIMENT IN ALTRUISM.

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MR. J. H. PATTERSON.

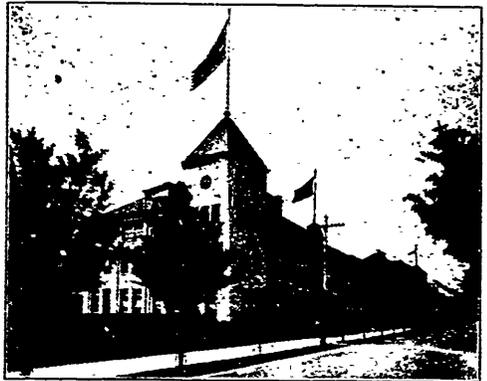
"Oh, yes! Plenty of them call themselves Christians, but I don't believe there is a Christian manufacturer in the world."

This was the conclusion of a conversation I overheard between two commercial travellers at an hotel table. I had recently visited the manufactory of the National Cash Register Co., in Dayton, Ohio, to study the methods of treating the employees from an educational and sociological standpoint, so I ventured to say to the gentlemen who had been carrying on the conversation: "May I describe some of the plans for recognizing the interests of employees, and for developing the true spirit of community, which I saw a few weeks ago?"

"Certainly," replied the last speaker.

Mr. John H. Patterson is at the head of the National Cash Register

Co., of Dayton, Ohio. The manufactory consists of several large and attractive buildings on the outskirts of the city. The buildings occupy the centre of a beautiful park-garden, laid out with trees, shrubs, and flowers, and kept as carefully as Central Park, New York, or Lincoln Park, Chicago. Vines climb the walls and overhang the passages between buildings. Mr. Patterson provides flowers, vines, shrubs, and trees, not only for the ornamentation of his own grounds, but for the gardens, lawns, and houses on the streets facing his park, in order that the whole may be in harmony with the plans of his landscape gardener. He gives prizes annually for the best kept and most artistically ornamented grounds, for the best squares, and to the boys who have the cleanest and



ONE OF THE BUILDINGS.

most orderly back-yards.

The beauty of the exterior is a preparation for the order, neatness, and attractiveness of the interior of the buildings. The ceilings