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What Causes It? And What Will Cure It?

neither poverty nor riches; feed me devil can. Nature abhors a vacuum. with the food that is needful for me, She hates an empty stomach. Th lest I be full and deny thee and say, devil loves one because he knows that

press of this city that the church is tea. Poverty produces starvation, in not sufficiently concerned in the efficiency, disease and crime. economic welfare of the masses. That statement is true. The church should dition in which the normal demand ne more than an asylum for saved for food is oversatisfied. Overfeedsouls. It should be a union of all who ing is gluttony and like underfeeding

The duty of the church should be Crime and vice find their habitation more than securing passports for in the lives of the rich and the poor. heaven for the people. It should include the securing of life, labour, and happiness for them as they journey

The problem of poverty in this city is not receiving the amount of atten-

per cent. of the annual death rate is preventable." The City of New York educed its infant mortality from 144 and in 1914. In our own city the rate at 168. On the 21st of last November there were 45 cases of diphtheria in income which in this community conour midst. On that day St. John, N.B., stitutes a living wage. A living wage had 2 cases and Halifax, N.S., had 4. If is that amount of income which is mour binds us to kill people who necessary to satisfy the normal deour equally binds us to protect our citizens from microbes and prevent-

able degeneracy. The present social order is far from being an expression of Christian brotherhood. There are men, women and children in our midst who are suffering from unjust economic con-

There was never a time when the duty of the Church to proclaim the practical demands of human brotherhood was so imperative as now.

I shall first define my terms. shall then set forth certain fundamentals which must be accepted by all as a common basis of discussion Thereafter I shall state what I have calculated to be a living wage and divide those whose earnings fall below such a living wage into groups.

I shall next discuss some of the causes of poverty and shall conclude by suggesting some means for improving the conditions which produce pov-

condition in which a normal demand for food is not satisfied. It is of three kinds. Poverty of the Purse, Poverty year to 750 families in the city inof the Mind, and Poverty of the Life, cluding electoral districts, exclusive Poverty of the Purse always produces of Poor House, Hospital, Insane Asylverty of the mind and life. poverty of the mind and life. A poorly nourished body is a ready | This means that individuals were

The Churches and Charitable Institutions helped (estim-

ess allowance for overlapping..1,000

It would appear that we have about thousand persons who have to be

arger than this. I have no present

lass of men who earn about \$8.00 per week throughout the year. These when their children are old enough to earn from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per week in actories and other places, manage to ive in a fairly comfortable condition hough their mental and esthetic na ares are often starved and their edu

Group II .- Another class of men consisting of drivers, sailors, laborers, and others, I find, on enquiry, earns an average wage per month of \$29.40. The xpenses of such a family scale very

prey to feeble-mindedness. A weak mind means a weak will. God can- Clothing

Insurance, reading, education..

case where the children are young

on a precipice of distressing and apprehensive need.

\$1.50 per week and sewers at hom The writer of the text was a shrewd who receive 821/2 cents per dozen for

1. There is a standard of income be

I. Causes for which the poor are themselves responsible. II. Causes for which the com-

munity is responsible. I. Among the first sort I number (a) Extravagance and its allied fault Improvidence. Many spend their money as soon as it is obtained. They throw away money on cheap adornments and unnecessary food, buy pre-

The average family in this town (b) Incomptence. This is notorious. Inability to cook, to buy, to utilize means to ends, to sew and generally

rooms) \$ 4 00 to keep house. (c) Indolence. They don't like work. Young men and women will stay away from the factory and shop without warning, to chase a street picnic. Men will stand around street corners and refuse to work for less than they worked for yesterday, at a nore lucrative job.

per meal 22 50 (d) Drunkenness. None of us is satisfied with industrial conditions as they are to-day and this is a good sign.

mployee are turning toward each other. The friend is taking the place of the enemy. And this suggests the first method of improving conditions and healing the sore in our social

large. This Church helps no families (a) Co-operation.—Co-operation which are receiving more than \$30.00 gradually and surely supplanting per month. I presume no church or competition. In many industrial plants it has completely taken its place. The Ford Motor Company has allotted ter million dollars on a profit sharing basis among its employees.

(b) Free and Compulsory Education This would at one sweep gather thousands of young people who in a ew years will be the workers of the land into schools, and transform them into efficient helpers instead of "helpess inefficients."

(c) A Government Commission to study industrial and domestic conditions among the laboring classes. It is indubitably true that a normal person's whole working time is worth a living wage. This being true the inevitable and unwelcome conclusion in the industry of the industry nevitable and unwelcome conclusion of me. living wage.

n many instances is the result of complex industrial conditions over which Pills. No one can speak too highly o the individual employer has little if ecuring a general agreement among them. mployers which would increase wages

ven though dividends suffered. (d) Sympathetic Study by all who and novelty fabrics are in favor fo are Interested.—How little we have sports coats. really done but talk and listen and

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Such families are living constantly give them bread. Years pass, and lo! a nation is saved from starvation by his philanthropy and wisdom. In the shop assistants who are receiving \$1.50 his heart the pain of his people's servitude, dreamed of their flight to free-The members of this group live att In the little town of Nazareth anome, otherwise they could not live other youth, toiling with the tools of

in Spain and in the faraway land of

our fathers the slave shakes off his shackles and looks unafraid into the eyes of Kings. John Wesley dreamed! And here, in this dear land, the pared foods, and frequent places of town to glowing hearts and lives re church bells call in hamlet and ir So shall we dream. And lo! our

children's hands shall ring God's iron on the anvil, shall swing God's wood across the gunwale, shall steer the argosies of God into the friendly horizon, shall show God's goods upon the shelves, shall write God's numbers in the ledger, shall turn His parade, to have a walk, to go on a kindly sod in the field, shall speak His word in the Council Chamber, Let. us he dreamers And lo! shall come a time when every chalice set to thirsty lips shall hold the very life of God and every crust of bread shall be

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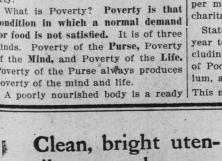
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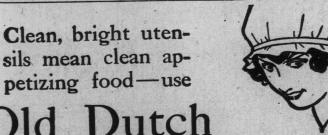
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