

CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSN. COLLEGE VIEW, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

## Free Literature for the Blind

The Christian Record Benevolent Association 4827 Prescott Ave. -- Lincoln, Nebraska

## Rays of Light to the Blind

THERE are, in round numbers, one hun-I dred thousand people in the United States over whose eyes the hand of destiny has drawn an impenetrable curtain of night. Of this vast number, only one-sixth over ten years of age are gainfully employed, and not more than one-fourteenth are able to support themselves. Their sustenance in life

must



therefore depend in a large measure upon outside sourc-

What does it mean to be blind? It means that the soul is plunged into eternal night



with no hope of the

dawn. The budding

shrub, the green sward.

the blooming rose are

never seen. The gav

crowds, the gilded

automobiles, the fast

flying planes are un-

observed. The bow

in the painted heavens.

the fire of the setting

sun, the storm cloud's

The Braille Bible

silver lining are but Twenty-one Volumes empty terms. The vault of the starry heavens, the glory of hold Orion and the charm of the scintillating Pleiades. the wonder-path of the Milky Way-all are lost to the blind. And, climaxing all of this, the loving faces of those nearest and dearest by nature's ties are hid behind the hand of



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destiny. It is an appalling condition, never fully appreciated by those who are blessed with sight, for it is beyond their keenest imagination.

The blind ask not for sympathy, but only an adamant heart could fail to sympathize when one hundred thousand people in distress need the touch of a guiding hand and the cheer and comfort and help of loving service.

The CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT AS-SOCIATION is an organization whose work it is to grasp the outstretched hand of the blind, and lead them into such light and cheer as clean, wholesome, educational, and Christian literature can bring to them. The CHRISTIAN RECORD, its main publication, is the oldest and most loved

Christian journal published for the blind, and enjoys by far a larger circulation than that of any other religious magazine for the blind in the United States. The magazine is published monthly, and is issued in two embossed type systems, Revised Braille and New York Point.

The CHRISTIAN RECORD is a household word wherever there are blind people. Thousands of blind people repeatedly express their appreciation and

gratitude for the cheer, the comfort, and the inspiration brought to them each month by the CHRISTIAN RECORD.

One friend writes: "I enjoy the cheer and the spirit which radiates from cover to cover, and your words of faith have made dark-land a brighter and happier place for me." Another writes: "I come in contact with most of the blind people of our state, and am glad to tell you that the CHRIS-TIAN RECORD is the most enjoyed of all



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periodicals for the blind." And another: "I was never satisfied until I found the CHRISTIAN RECORD. It was what my soul had been calling for."

Besides the CHRISTIAN RECORD, the Association publishes two other magazines and maintains a Free Circulating Library. The Christian Record Sabbath School Monthly is a journal of Bible studies, one study for each week of the month. The Christian Record Bible Expositor is a small monthly journal dealing with vital Bible topics. The Library contains many hundreds of volumes, which are read by the blind in all quarters of the United States. The entire output of the CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION is between three and four tons of reading matter each month.



Christian Record Stereotyping Machines, on Which Metal Plates Are Embossed for Printing.

The maintenance of this work is, of course, very expensive. It requires thousands of dollars, many thousands of dollars annually. But notwithstanding the heavy expense incurred, all literature from this Association goes to the blind entirely free of charge. It is issued



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gratis. No blind reader is asked to pay a penny for his literature. The majority of them could not pay, and if a charge were made, they would be deprived of this wholesome literature that is their light and comfort and inspiration. The Association gives away, absolutely free, its entire output, and has no source of revenue save from charitable gifts from sympathetic and philanthropic men and



David D. Rees Editor-Manager

women who, blessed with sight, are willing to make a little personal sacrifice for the thousands of our land who must live in eternal night.

Welfare work for the blind will always be a most worthy undertaking. The cry of these people grips the very soul. They do not ask for sympathy, but whose heart is not touched when one hundred thousand people, shut up in earth's darkest night, are struggling for very existence? Our sympathy must go out to them. Our hand must reach out to them in proffered help.

We invite the co-operation of all sympathetic friends. We invite correspondence; we invite investigation; we invite calls at our home office.

Special Note:—Any blind person anywhere in the world who speaks the English language and who can read either Braille or New York Point can have the CHRISTIAN RECORD and its two associated journals, free of charge, without any obligation whatsoever. Address all correspondence to:

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