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LET CHRISTMAS BE CELEBRATED.

It has been shown by the office, and pretty generally admitted, that the 25th of December could not possibly have been the day on which Christ was born. The News, however, has no disposition to go into that subject. That Jesus was born into the world, and lived a life of holiness, purity and devotion to mankind which no human has been able to imitate successfully, and that He finally died a martyr to His fidelity to God and men, is enough to excoriate the Christian world in setting apart a day of thanksgiving and joy for His divine coming, and forever sanctifying it from the common struggles of life which mark the coming and going of other days. It is a beautiful lesson to the children of Christian families to be thus reminded, through the anticipation and yearly coming of this, the happiest day in all the year to them, that Jesus lived. We need go no further than this for a justification of Christmas. And until the time shall come when the date of the birth of Jesus may be fixed beyond dispute, the 25th of December is as good as any for such a purpose.

The News taking leave of its readers now until Tuesday, extends to all its patrons the compliments of the season, and wishes them, not only for this year but for the years to come, and not only in this life but in all the eternities,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HELP THE WORTHY POOR.

The general relief committee, organized for the purpose of giving assistance to the destitute of the city, have made a call upon the Church to assist them in the work. They represent that they are now giving a dollar each per day to some forty old residents of the city who can get no regular employment and are remunerating for the assistance thus rendered by laboring on the Boulevard. This assistance will have to be kept up for a month or more or the families of these laborers will be entirely without food and other necessities of life. The present funds of the committee are inadequate for doing this much longer—though they have paid all their bills and payrolls up to date, and the city is asked for an appropriation to assist in the cause.

As a general thing it is bad policy for the city to institute labor solely for the purpose of giving employment. But there are exceptional cases, and we think this is one of them. The city has been employing directly and indirectly a large number of men during the summer. They have depended upon that labor for the support of their families. To cut it off at this time when they would naturally need it most has to great measure been the cause of the wave of destitution which is now on. That such a policy is open to criticism goes without saying. It is the plain duty of the Council to do what it can in reason for the relief of the situation, and it seems to us that by all means it the city is to appropriate for such a purpose, the safest possible way to secure the most benefit from the appropriation, is to invite the details to the Relief committee and let them designate the persons to be thus assisted. Both duty and humanity demand that this be recognized as a case justifying a departure from the general rule of procedure.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Many good souls have contented their minds to humble themselves among the lowly of history. They have gone back into the Dark Ages, when the world was peopled with a race of giants, and have sought to find fault with Christ because he was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. But among them all, will any be compared to Jesus of Nazareth, the man only of whom it is recorded that he was born with purpose? Who else came into the world with a purpose? Who else lived with a purpose? Who else died with a purpose? Who else left behind him a purpose? Who else left behind him a purpose? Who else left behind him