Address
Delivered to the
Seidel Society
Brookville, W. Va.
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No. 6

Subject:
Rally for Children
The Providence which brings us together here is at least remarkable. The Seidl Society whose soul is music; the Plymouth Church whose soul is love of humanity, and we outsiders whose soul is militant, are under the same roof to amuse and entertain each other in behalf of an orphan asylum.

Human groupings are elective. Music, sweet harmonies, draw together those whose hearts delight in pure pleasures of an almost ideal performance; and, without doubt, heavenly sounds lift up the soul. The followers of the Blessed One have a Spirit, yea an image, alive and glowing with the effects of a faultless life in common. And who dare limit the uplifting power of such an anointing force and living example? But how with us outsiders from desks, merchandize, work-rooms, narrow offices, military business and what-not! Oh, you come for one brief evening to be amused. All right; take us as you find us, dear Seidl Society; penetrate us by your gentle thrills and raise us by your unseen but unfelt power. You will
relieve us from our absorptions, rest our brains weary
with endless contrivances which we enter into to adjust
the obstinate and bothersome timbers in the every day
framework of our life-structures. Yes, me thinks you may
somehow show us an inside meaning to our Blessed Lord's
words: "come unto me all ye that are heavily loaded and
I will give you rest." If you can do this even in a min-
ute degree, you then meet at once more than half way, the
Christians of Plymouth Church and all who are the bearers
of good tidings of great joy, viz., of rest for the weary,
relief to the suffering and comfort for His children.
But the Seidl Society has already gone beyond its expect-
ed influence. Its own heart has been stirred with brother-
ly love and it has sought out objects upon which to ex-
ercise it.
Is there a collection of little ones whom others have
over-looked? Yes, for a long time about a hundred or-
phans have had no outing. Their bare necessities have
been covered but they needed to see clear skies, sweet
As I leave we know our approach, let us plan the week
with careful consideration and we enter into to make
the opportunity and performance "seasons" to the every year.

A friend of mine I met one morning to our Blessed Lord's
someone who is an intense meaning to our Blessed Lord's
words: "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and
I will give you rest." If you can go this way in a mile
the seven you have meet at once more than that you
understand of everything given and you who in the presence

of God shone on great joy you are at rest for the moment.

Letter to the understanding and comfort for the afflicted.
But the belief shown and thereby become known to the aspect
of influence. It is our heart and heart within with the heart
only love and it is forever our objective whose matter to ex-

accept it.

Is there a collection of little ones whom others have

over-tooked? Yes, for a long time ago a hundred of-

been conned and they better to see them after more
flowers and breathe pure air. Let us take them you said.

Twice at least last year the society imparted to these
little ones this great boon. They took them to Brighton
Beach and gave them each time a feast.

They gave these same and also the groups of aged men and
women next door to the Howard Orphan Asylum, Thanksgiving
dinner and Christmas gifts.

The society chose these little colored beneficiaries because they seemed to have the least help from the city, and they remarked about them, they are "appreciative, bright and well behaved."

May I say further that the Seidl Society determines never to trench upon other benevolence particularly upon that
which undertakes to kill mortgages, give daily and yearly support to these large asylums; nor to lessen the efforts of the superintendent and others who are keeping the constant needs before the churches and before other cheerful contributors. Oh no. The society comes in like grandpa tailsore.

and grandma or uncle George, into a family to relieve
I throw my present house off. Let us take them. You can.

Since last year the society increased to the little one. These people took them to live in.

Then came the Shakes Peop. A few came from a peasant.

Then came these same and into the room or great meal and

women next door to the house of Mr. Rayburn's.

The answer may certainly given.

The society those these little cotton penitentiaries per-

come their season to have the least with in the city,

and their morning sent them stay for the Superintendent.

May I ask further that the society reservoir never

to exceed those other penitentiaries penitentiaries which

with permission to kill once near, give away and nearest

supposed to these little penitentiary, yet to leave the allot-

of the superintendent and others who are keeping the cou-

stant never before the companies any person after execution

contributions. Of on. The society comes in to the

for some of some season into a family to relieve
tired arms now and then, and to make summer a real summer, thanksgiving-day, christmas or new year, an even happier occasion because they too are in the world.

And never forget it; as it is with folks whose hearts are not quite full, or like those other folks whose hearts are a little too full, their eyes are on the children.

Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not. They, sprightly wee things, come around us, they extend their hands, they sang us sweet songs, they listened to our grave advice and tried to take it in; being asked for their motto,— they said with one voice:

"In God we trust!" They will not trust in vain, for their Angels do always behold the face of my Father in Heaven.

I guess there is a common plan for us all; strong sympathy for sweet childhood and helpless old age aided by heavenly music and Christ's power will lead us there.
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address before

Ibid Society

Brooklyn, NY

May 8, 1890

Dear Sirs,

I am a subscriber of the Society and have been a member for several years. I am writing to urge the Society to take action on the matter of the proposed increase of dues. I believe that the increase is not warranted by the current financial situation of the Society. The Society has always been a leader in the field of its work, and I believe that it should continue to be. However, I think that the increase of dues is not in the best interest of the Society. I would be grateful if you could give this matter your attention.

Sincerely,

[Signature]