## GIVES ADVICE ON "GIVING"

Charity Worker Tells Students To Give Discriminately To Poor

### SUGGESTS MILK FUND

## Christmas Charity Often Commercialized

Last Friday the students at New Trier High school heard J. C. Bickem, a member of the United Charities of Chicago, speak in assembly upon the general matter of Christmas work among the city's poor.

Mr. Bickem opened his talk by telling of the great need for relief work in the city but cautioned against indiscriminate giving. He told how last year some 13,000 families were known time, for the various organizations at to be wanting, and efforts were made the high school were in the midst of to cover them all. After Christmas had passed, a check showed that over help to poor families. Mr. Bickem's 30,000 baskets had been distributed by various organizations, and yet every family had not been reached.

gave liberally but blindly. Often the same house was visited several times, while other dwellings were neglected

Commercialized Charity Some people, it seems, commercialize Christmas charity, and use it to their own advantage. Last winter there was the case of one woman with many children. Shortly before Christmas she sent them far and wide, with instructions to put in a plea for aid at every club, church, school, or society that was planning goodfellow work. The result was that on Christmas Eve a long line of automobiles rolled up in front of this woman's home, and by morning she had accumulated forty baskets. On the following day she sold thirty-five of them for five dollars apiece, and then, with \$175 in her pocket, and five full baskets for her own supply, she felt that she had spent a very profitable holiday season.

Another evil of giving too freely was shown in a plea from a clergyman on the northwest side of Chicago. This

minister asked for aid for his neighbors, but warned that it should be given discriminately, for he said, "You are making beggars out of my people by your over-generous bestowals."

### City Thoroughly Canvassed

It is to prevent such occurences as these that large charity organizations are formed, Mr. Bickem explained. The United Charities, for example, has the entire city divided into many districts, in each of which is a divisional headquarters, Pleas for aid received at these headquarters are later compared, and all duplicates are discovered and thrown out. In such a manner every family can be taken care of, while no one group receives an undue proportion of gifts. If all goodfellows are working on their own plans would receive the addresses of families from a central source, much help would be rendered the large organizations.

Suggests Milk Funds Mr. Bickem, in closing, said that although there were about 13,000 families in need of aid this winter, the same as last, that this entire number would be quite likely supplied with baskets. "The best thing you students can do," he said, "is to buy blankets or create milk funds with whatever money you have raised. These two items are needed badly."

This talk came at a very opportune discussions about how best to give address gave the different clubs and division rooms ideas as to what to do, and by this time most of them have This was all caused by people who formulated some plans for spreading Christmas cheer among those who are less fortunate than they.

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