

AID TO THE RUSSIAN PEASANTS,

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

DEAR SIR—The Victoria Times of Feb. 8 contains some favorable remarks in regard to aid the Russian peasants who are suffering from famine. Every human heart will no doubt agree with the Times' views of humanity, to aid and assist the poor and needy, no matter of what nationality or creed they may be, because our progressive age has brought it to that step of civilization to proclaim, "Behold we have all but one Father, and one God created us all." We should, therefore do all we can to relieve the poor and needy, to help a brother or a sister; it is our duty to help those who cannot help themselves.

But let me tell you, dear sir, that as it is the duty for every man to be benevolent and charitable, so it is duty that those men of humanity to consider whom they assist, to whom they should impart virtues of humanity, actions of goodness, deeds of benevolence and charity. Many a noble soul has given charity to such persons, that have used the charity which they have received for ungodly purposes. It is true that men cannot be careful enough; we can only judge outwardly. Therefore, we meet sometimes with cases where unworthy creatures are assisted.

We need not judge Russia inwardly. We see her actions towards men plainly. How many thousands of men, women and children—Jews, Germans and Gentiles—have been persecuted, driven from their homes and left helpless? How many thousands of innocent souls have perished—were slain by the barbarous hands of those very peasants who do suffer famine? Are they worthy to be assisted? Do they deserve to receive aid from a glorious country which the banner of England protects, a nation of civilization and humanity? This has to be considered very carefully. To aid the Russians in the calamity which they have brought upon themselves, would seem to me as approving of their inhuman actions which were and are against God and man. Those peasants, have agitated and carried out their barbarous persecutions towards Jew and Gentile. They claimed that those people of foreign countries take their bread away. But God, Jehovah, teaches them that they

are not worthy to have bread. The cry went up to our merciful God; yes, the cry of so many thousands of innocent souls who have suffered. It reminds us of the Exodus—Pharaoh and Egypt. They acted just as the Russians, and the Russians as they. Let us aid those who were persecuted by those peasants; but to assist those persecutors, we should consider and consider very carefully indeed. As it is an honor to God and a pride to men to assist worthy people who actually do deserve to be assisted, so it is a shame and disgrace to aid people who do not deserve it. God, Jehovah, has inflicted a punishment upon those Russians, and let us not mix up with such affairs. God does what is right and just. The whole world looks upon Russia as upon a Pharaoh and the dark Egypt. Their own ungodly, inhuman actions have brought them to that point, the same as they did Pharaoh. We have plenty of noble, deservable institutions that are worthy to be aided and assisted, for which deeds God's blessing will surely rest upon all those who will assist it.

RABBI PHILO.

A SIMPLE QUESTION.

The troupe had gone to pieces in Livingston, Nev., on Tuesday, and on Thursday the first walking gentleman stopped at a house close to the railroad track.

"Good morning madam," he said pleasantly to the woman in the front yard. "Can you tell me how far it is from here to New York?"

It almost took her off her feet.

"Twenty-seven hundred and eighty-three miles," she gasped.

"Thank you," he said politely, and walked on with an air that was bracing enough to kill agrip microbe.

AN ELECTRIC GIRL.

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