

How widely separated are the social positions of these poor unfortunates and of the ladies who meet in Auxiliary or Mission Band! Come, Great Deliverer, Come!

A Letter of Thanks from a Chinese Christian,

"To the benevolent brethren and sisters who contributed to the relief of the famine stricken people, Shantung, China, blessing and peace.

"In the summer of 1888 very heavy rains destroyed the crops in Shantung, so that in over twenty counties there were no crops, and many people saw no prospect but death by starvation. At that time I wrote a letter which was sent to many cities and ports, and even to England and America, and benevolent editors printed it in their newspapers, so that all the world might know of this matter. Thanks to very many people whose hearts are in sympathy with God's love to mankind, they were not deterred by the fact that we were a strange people and far away, but were moved with compassion for the starving Chinese, and poured out their silver and sent it to the people suffering as from fire and flood, thus saving alive a multitude of people. Of the great amount of money contributed I have heard that a part was because of the letter I wrote. I therefore write again in order—

"1. To thank you for your benevolence; for we Chinese were originally heathens, worshipping idols and serving devils, sinning against God and resting under His displeasure. To die of cold and hunger was only our just desert. Notwithstanding, the hearts of Western Christians and benevolent people were moved for us as if for their own people, and they cheerfully curtailed food and other expenses to save money to rescue suffering people in far away China. This generous kindness we Christians, even when we are old and toothless, will never forget. Still more the people whose lives were saved will remember it as if grave on their bones. I think the donors must receive God's special blessing, for the Scriptures say, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"2. I write to tell you how the money you sent was used. There were over ten centres of distribution, and at each centre one foreign missionary and some Christian Chinese helpers.