

lofty or lowly sphere, in the busy city throng or quiet country life, will have, in heart, grown likeliest to Christ, the best "well done" that Heaven can give, and one that lasts for aye.

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One of the best meetings of the World's Missionary Conference was specially called one Sabbath evening on behalf of the famine sufferers. It was the public starting point of the committee of one hundred, in New York, who are appealing to this continent for India. It was specially grateful to Britons to hear one missionary after another introduce himself with "I am an American" to shew his fellow-countrymen that he was not prejudiced in favor of Britain, and then after telling of the distress and need, go on to speak in the strongest terms of the really marvellous work that for years Britain has done in seeking to lessen famines by great irrigation schemes, etc., of her equally wonderful organization for giving relief when famines do come, and of the heroic devotion to duty of the British civil servants and officers in carrying out this work of relief, sometimes even laying down their lives on the altar of duty. It was a feature of Britain's greatness that was new to most who heard it, a work of mercy the vastest in the world, a work without a parallel in the history of human governments, a work which the Empire with all its many burdens and cares is quietly carrying on, and which makes one more thankful than ever to bear the British name.

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How much of heart tenderness and compassion there is in humanity when it realizes that there is need and suffering which it can help. Ottawa homes were still burning when help began to come, and in larger volume as the news spread. From Canada, from the Mother land, from far-off sister colonies in South Africa and Australia, from the U.S.A., until nearly a million of dollars has been given, and enough.

The reason that more is not done for India is that the state of matters is not realized. Take this fact that forty millions in India, seven Canadas, never know what it is to have enough to eat even in times of plenty. How the grip of want must widen and deepen as scarcity comes on. Take this further fact, that in the famine area are ninety

millions of people, besides the numbers in other parts that must feel the pinch of widespread want. Take another fact, that over seven millions, one Canada, are being supported by Government relief works; and another, that millions more, in greater need, do not come to the relief camps, the sick, the aged, multitudes of women, and multitudes more who are held in such bondage by superstition that they would rather die than break their caste by taking food from those of another caste or no caste.

Take this fact, that multitudes are dying of thirst as well as famine; and this,—that two or three months must elapse before the earliest rains can come; and this,—that even then, with most of the oxen to work the farms dead, and the people weakened to the last extremity by starvation, the crops must be put in with further weeks of waiting before a harvest. Take all these facts, and those who have ever seen a famine, but only those, may form some idea of the condition of India. Let churches take collections to give all a chance to contribute. Send all contributions through our own church channels, to be sent to our mission council in India, and they will not only be expended to the best advantage in relieving famine, but will also afford opportunity such as comes at no other time of leading the people to the Bread of Life; while the orphans saved from starvation, and brought up away from heathen influences, will in a short time become an important element in the native Christian Church.

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