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Thirty Millions Facing Starvation in North China

APPALLING famine conditions exist in North China in the five Provinces of Honan, Chihli, Shantung, Shensi and Shansi. Thirty million lives are in danger. The last two harvests have been total failures, hardly any rain having fallen for twelve months. Great distress prevails. *The situation is desperate. Many are seeking to live on leaves and bark.* Hundreds are dying. Parents are killing their children rather than see them starve. Letters from the missionaries in the famine area give heart-rending descriptions of conditions and appeal for help.

Cables and letters are being received by both the Canadian Anglican and Presbyterian Foreign Mission Boards from their Missions in Honan, telling of the severity of the famine and urgently pleading for funds for famine relief.

100,000 Localities Affected

The Government of China has sent the following message to the Chinese Consul-General at Ottawa:

"Over one hundred thousand localities are affected; millions of people are destitute and dying of famine. This is the biggest famine seen for forty years. Relief fund is urgently needed."

Bishop White sends this word as he hastens to the famine area: "I have passed through the dread experience of two famines in Honan, and if, as our missionaries report, this is worse than those which preceded it, the situation must be horrible in the extreme. To see these famine refugees huddled together, moaning and crying for bread, rolling on the ground in their agony, is more than mortal man can bear. Bark and leaves of trees, grass and roots and even clay are eaten in their distress, with awful results. I have travelled for days through the famine regions, seeing sights never to be forgotten, for oftentimes the dead were left unburied by the roadside or in the fields, tainting the air for miles.

The most severe suffering will be experienced during the coming winter, but the time of greatest mortality will undoubtedly be next spring. As usual, Typhus will no doubt appear then, and hundreds of thousands of starved and enfeebled refugees will be snuffed out by this deadly disease."

Winter Brings Agony

The present distress, keen as it is, is but a suggestion of the awful agony through which North China must pass before the winter is over. Even should rains fall they would bring no relief to the starving millions until the harvest in the late spring of next year. The disaster is of such magnitude that the Chinese authorities, ready as they are, cannot cope with it alone. In Honan a joint relief committee of Chinese and Foreigners has been formed, of which committee Rev. Geo. E. Simmons of the Canadian Anglican Mission is Foreign Treasurer.

The various Canadian Foreign Mission Boards are appealing to all Canadians to help meet this appalling need.

Every contributor may rest assured that all monies received will be used exclusively for famine relief, and will be wisely administered.

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