

# Aylmer Express

## The India Famine.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED A FEW DAYS AGO FROM MRS. MESSMORE AND EXPLAINS ITSELF.

Sal-Bagh Lucknow,  
April 23, 1900.

My Dear Miss Englis,—

In behalf of the starving people and for the kind help given of your pupils of the public school, Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, I send thanks, hearty and sincere. What a lovely thing for the dear children to do, has been said by so many who have learned of the gift and know the great need at our own doors. I wish I could look into your faces and have a chance to talk to you, instead of writing. I would say bless your dear hearts for your beautiful, human sympathy. You could not have done anything that would please the dear Saviour more than this, and He will see to it that you will be cared for if you ever need help. I have had the letter and all the particulars published in three newspapers, so you see you are known away off here in India, and known for such good deeds. To think you felt so sorry for the starving children that you gave up gum-chewing and candies and earned pennies to save, to feed hungry boys and girls, is worth a place in history, and it will be remembered and a record kept in the books that the great God shall keep. The \$10 was sent to one of the more pressed corners where missionaries are working hard to save as many children as possible, and I enclose a receipt from the lady who sent the plea that I sent Mr. Price last week. Dreadful stories come to us from the famine district. In one half day 25 persons were found dead along the roadside, some of these were little children. Some babies have died in their mother's arms. It is enough to break one's heart. From six to eight millions of hungry, starving people you must know that it takes a great deal of money to feed so many. One lady said, I had no room for more, and one little pleading face, as he hung to my skirts, said oh! lady, take me, I am so hungry, and I am all alone. My brother there is now dead, he gave me all he could find, now I have no one. How could I turn him away. I took him home with me and gave him a little food, and he smiled and said, "Now I will be your slave Jucier!" Where your money was sent they have hundreds of children that were starving just as this little boy was starving, and the lady or lady missionaries cannot give them all the food they need, but give enough to keep them till the next harvest, and better times shall come. It is a dreadful thing to be hungry and no food to eat. Where the famine rages now there is not so much as a blade of grass growing, the cattle having died because there was nothing for them to eat. Now, after this terrible famine is over, the British Government will give the farmers oxen, plows and seed grain to begin anew. The Government is doing all that seems possible. Everybody is helping here, Canada, America, Australia and China are sending help, money, grain and some large firms have sent biscuits and corn flour for the feeble and sick and the innocent babies. It is dreadful to know of such suffering and a thousand times worse to be the sufferers. All this famine comes just from the need of sufficient rain. Our rainy season is from June till September. If there is abundant rain the harvests are good. If the rain is deficient there is famine.

You and I, dear children, have never wanted for food, and we have had a great many luxuries besides needed food. Let us thank God for our abundant mercies. Your thanks to God was the money you sent to help feed the hungry. Somewhere in the Bible something is said about blessings for those who feed the hungry and are kind to the poor. It would be a nice thing to find these Bible verses and to know that God has remembered you for your loving works. I shall always love you for this one thing, and Aylmer will have a green place in my memory always. You dear children, you have learned that you can give up gum for the sake of giving food to the hungry. Can't you give it up for the sake of always doing good. These boys and girls that have been saved from starving to death must have food to eat right along, and I don't see how they are to get it unless more money is sent. Your teachers wrote about the enthusiasm you felt in getting so much to send. Does it not make you happy to do good things? Gum is no good, is rather injurious, so if you throw aside the gum you will save your pennies and you will be loved by everybody for good deeds.

If I were to use an Indian good wish I would say, "May your shadow never grow less." i.e. May you live a long life.

May God bless you and keep you, His dear loving children.

L. H. MESSMORE.

P. S.—My dear Miss Englis and your associates: I know very well your share in this matter and can see plainly enough who was at the back of all this enthusiastic outcome. Kindly accept my love for your good deeds also, I feel very near to you all, and Aylmer will always stand as a bright light that has shone out into our great dark country. The thirty rupees represents the \$10.

I have just now received another P. O. O. for \$45 from Aylmer from the A. C. I. and a little village near by, and from the Baptist S. School. I will write in reply next week. I think more and more that Aylmer is the city on a hill. I shall not be surprised to hear of great good from the hand of the Lord for Aylmer.

Kindly give my best wishes to all who help and pray for India.

In the best of bonds,  
L. H. MESSMORE.

## BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES AND MISSION CIRCLES IN ELGIN COUNTY.

The 16th annual meeting of the Baptist Home and Foreign Mission circles of Elgin county was held in the Baptist church on Wednesday, June, 6th. Delegates were in attendance from nearly all the circles of the county, and a very profitable time was spent. Mrs. Doolittle of Sparta, the president, presided, and by her christian grace added a charm to the meetings. The delegates were cordially welcomed by Mrs. Timpany, of the Baptist circle, and to the town by representatives from sister societies. The morning session was devoted to the reading of reports from circles, appointment of committees and transaction of business. Mrs. Newcombe, the director, reported in her financial statement an increase of \$9 over last year contributions. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Doolittle, Sparta, pres.; Miss A. S. Newcombe, New Sarum, director; Miss Kate McColl, St. Thomas, assistant director. In the afternoon the principal speakers were Mrs. Booker, Mrs. McLaurin and Miss Baskerville, all of whom have been missionaries in India. Mrs. McLaurin and Miss Baskerville expecting to return for another term of service. Mrs. Booker had charge of the question drawn and gave some helpful suggestions for the work. Mrs. McLaurin gave a resume of recent meetings in Detroit and Clifton Springs where the world's progress in missions was discussed. Miss Baskerville told of the fruitful work to be done among the children of India, and something of the work of the Canadian girls boarding school in which she had worked so long. Miss McLay, of Aylmer, presented an excellent, concise paper on the work to be done among the children of our own land, showing that the Mission Band seeks to train the children to be interested in Missions, and to give as a matter of principle. The evening session was perhaps the richest in good things, for helpful, inspiring addresses were given by Mrs. Hartley, St. Thomas, Mrs. Baker, Sparta; and Miss Baskerville, while the Baptist choir and the Messrs. Newcombe, of New Sarum furnished music. Mrs. Hartley spoke of the grand work of Home Missions, pointing out with earnestness the wide field of opportunity open in New Ontario, urging the christian women not to be satisfied with the present progress, but to keep the clarion note ever sounding, "Onward! Forward!" The needs of Grande Ligne were ably presented by Mrs. Baker. She summed up reasons why we have such a mission in her sweet simple way she told the story of degraded Hindoo womanhood as she herself has seen it for eleven years in India. In the face of this seeming impenetrable darkness, she showed what christianity can do in one short generation, citing instances from her own experience. The need is appalling when one worker has the responsibility of giving the gospel to 200,000 souls, and for the most part reaching them in twos and threes, and not in thousands, as in our own christian land. As the end of the day all truly consecrated hearts felt that the Lord indeed had been in the midst. A collection of \$17 was taken during the day.

Following the meeting of the Circles, the forty-first annual meeting of the Elgin Association of the Baptist church was held on Thursday and Friday, June 7th and 8th. From all the twenty churches of the Association, delegates were present in larger numbers than usual, and the meetings were very interesting and enthusiastic. The Aylmer church did its utmost to make all feel at home, and their homes were thrown open to the delegates with great cordiality. The attendance at all the meetings was large in spite of the rainy weather; and at the close it was felt to be one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the Association. The meetings began with a devotional service, led by brother Chas. M. Clarke. The Rev. P. R. Carey of Pt. Burwell, followed with a sermon on "He that winneth souls is wise;" and at the close of a very forceful discourse, he was elected Moderator of the Association. Rev. Geo. Mason was re-elected clerk. The routine business closed the morning session. In the afternoon the church letters were read. These showed that the contributions had increased, but there was a decrease of membership, owing to a more strict revision of the rules. The number of baptisms was 97; the present membership now totals something over 2400. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the reading of a letter from the Oneida Indian Baptist church, lately resuscitated through the efforts of the Indian Baptists from Tuscarora. On motion it was received into the Association, and at a later session five Indians took the platform, and the representative of Oneida church received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. Rev. J. Baker, of Sparta, followed with an address on "How to deal with delinquent church members," in which the speaker emphasized the dignity of the church. A lively discussion followed, the tone of which indicated a determination to keep the church rolls henceforth more thoroughly trimmed of unworthy members. The evening session was opened with a prayer service, led by the Rev. W. Spencer, of New Sarum. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. J. Baker, Principal Masse, of Feller Institute of the Grand Ligne, Quebec, and Rev. J. Brown, B.A., of Toronto. Mr. Baker spoke of Manitoba missions, and showed the vastness of the field, the varied character of its population, the comparative poverty of immediately occupying the ground, and the duty of Baptists to give the gospel to all. Mr. Masse spoke of the work of the Grand Ligne Mission

in general, and of the Feller Institute in particular; he pointed out the prolific nature of the French-Canadian people and their capacity for doing great things as evinced by the records of their statesmen, of their authors, musicians, artists and preachers. Their influence upon the destinies of the Dominion is bound to be far-reaching, and if they are evangelized and educated, that influence, freed from the trammels of priesthood, will be of a beneficent kind; otherwise, Catholic Quebec constitutes a danger to the future of the Dominion. The influence of the Feller Institute is far spread, and has been acknowledged as such by no less a person than Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The audience was deeply moved by the speaker's eloquent words. Mr. Brown spoke of the work in Bolivia and India, and in his own inimitable way depicted the promising outlook in Bolivia and the appalling condition of the Hindus. The Friday morning session opened with a season of prayer, the conference on the subject of family worship, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Bunt, of Gladstone. Sunday school work was treated in three addresses: the Rev. R. Scott, of Dutton, asked the question, "What the Sunday school taken the place of Bible teaching at home?" and answered emphatically, "Yes," tracing to this much of the wavering exhibited by Christians. Mr. J. W. Hutchinson, superintendent of Aylmer Baptist Sunday School, spoke of Missions in the Sunday school, showing the importance of furnishing scholars with a true conception of missionary needs, and urging parents to a greater interest in their children. Mr. C. Harvey, of St. Thomas, spoke of conversions in the Sabbath School, and in a very clear and impressive manner told how the gospel should be presented to children. A discussion followed. The morning session closed with a sermon by the Rev. W. Hartley, of Fingal, from the text, "Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." In the afternoon, following devotional exercises, led by the Rev. W. Hartley, of Springfield, the Rev. W. Hartley, of St. Thomas, read a paper on the obligations of church-membership. Prof. Farmer spoke on the preaching of "Christ crucified." The paper and discussion that followed emphasized the fact that the church does not so much need members as Christians need church fellowship. The committee resolved to present resolutions confirming the Temperance principles of the Baptist church, their confidence in the denominational organ, its institutions, the thanks of the Association to the Aylmer church for its hospitality, and upholding the anti-cigar crusade of the W.C.T.U. A very delightful time was then spent in a fellowship meeting conducted by Pastor J. H. Farmer, J.L.D., of McMaster University, with all his old-time force, spoke particularly to the young people on the duty of the hour, and emphasized the need of enlargement at McMaster. \$25,000 ought to be spent for new grounds and addition to the buildings; of this \$25,000 remains to be subscribed. The choir throughout contributed materially to the profit of the meetings; and on the last evening the five Indians presented a christian hymn in their own tongue. The Association then adjourned to meet next year with the Baptist church at Calton.

## BORN.

Shepherd.—At Sparta, on May 26th, the wife Melville Shepherd, of a son.

Curtis.—At Aylmer, on Thursday, June 7th, the wife of Jas. Curtis, of a daughter.

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Barley, per bushel	30 to 32
Peas, per bushel	29 to 31
Blackwheat, per bushel	45 to 50
Beans, per bushel	60 to 70
Corn, per bushel	47 to 49
Rye, per bushel	40 to 42
Hay, per ton	17 00 to 18 00
Shorts, per ton	18 00 to 19 00
Chop, per ton	11 to 12
Eggs, per dozen	13 to 14
Butter, per lb.	14 to 16
Swiss cheese, per lb.	30 to 35
Hay, per ton	7 00 to 9 00
Stra, per load	2 00 to 2 50
Apples, per bushel	60 to 80
Dried Apples, per bushel	1 10 to 1 40
Chickens, per lb.	7 to 8
Turkeys, per lb.	9 to 10
Geese, per lb.	6 to 7
Ducks, per lb.	8 to 9
Live Hogs, per lb.	6 40 to 6 60
Lard, per lb.	6 00 to 6 20
Dressed Hogs, per lb.	15 to 16
Wool, unwashed	8 to 10
Wool, washed	15 to 16

## LONDON MARKETS

Wheat, per bushel	60 to 63
Oats, per bushel	32 to 34
Barley, per bushel	45 to 48
Peas, per bushel	40 to 42
Rye, per bushel	60 to 62
Blackwheat, per bushel	42 to 47
Live Hogs, per lb.	6 40 to 6 60
Dressed Hogs, per lb.	15 to 16
Butter, rock, per lb.	13 to 14
Butter, roll, per lb.	13 to 14
Eggs, per dozen	10 to 11
Potatoes, per bag	40 to 50
Hay, per ton	8 00 to 9 00
Chickens, per pair	60 to 85
Ducks, per pair	75 to 1 00
Geese, each	60 to 75
Turkeys, each	11 to 13

## ST. THOMAS MARKETS

Wheat, per bushel	65 to 68
Oats, per bushel	30 to 34
Barley, per bushel	45 to 48
Peas, per bushel	40 to 42
Rye, per bushel	60 to 62
Blackwheat, per bushel	42 to 47
Live Hogs, per lb.	6 40 to 6 60
Dressed Hogs, per lb.	15 to 16
Butter, rock, per lb.	13 to 14
Butter, roll, per lb.	13 to 14
Eggs, per dozen	10 to 11
Potatoes, per bag	40 to 50
Hay, per ton	8 00 to 9 00
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Turkeys, each	11 to 13

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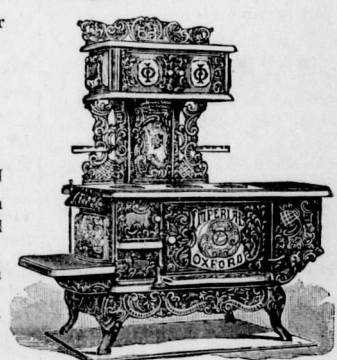
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