

# Starving India's Pitiful Cry for Bread

## Statistics that Stagger Fifty Million Starving People—Many of them at Death's Door



One of the Least of These

THE most pitiful, most heart-rending cry for bread that has ever escaped human lips or reached human ears comes from famine-smitten India's sorely distressed and greatly afflicted people. Fifty millions of human beings in various stages of starvation, and 5,000,000 of these at death's door! The greatest catastrophe of the century is now being enacted, and unless help comes speedily to India's relief, Ten Millions of men, women and children must die before the next crop is harvested.

Three months ago the Government placed the number of sufferers at thirty millions; to-day it admits that this estimate was too low and that double the number would probably be nearer the truth. Five millions of these people are now employed by the Government at wages averaging two cents a day each, but the remainder must be relieved by private charity or succumb to starvation. England is doing nobly, but she is not equal to the occasion, and America, with her overflowing, bursting granaries, must speedily come to the rescue or these millions will perish from the very lack of what we enjoy in superabundance.

### A Noble Record

Christian America has never yet turned a deaf ear to the pitiful cry of agonizing despair. Ireland, Russia, Armenia, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and India itself bear eloquent witness to her generous and prompt responsiveness to every worthy appeal, and in this calamity, greater than any yet witnessed, she will unquestionably prove herself worthy the noble record of the past, and share in generous measure the abundance wherewith she has been so bountifully blessed.

### Help Them to Help Others

Missionaries now working in India have been so affected by the scenes of heart-rending suffering which they have been compelled to witness that, though their hearts are breaking, their tears refuse to flow. They themselves have given all they had and all they could borrow and now they are daily inditing pathetic communications, and sending them broadcast with the fervent prayer that God would move the hearts of their more fortunate brothers and sisters in distant lands to contribute largely in this hour of

India's direst need, and thus help them to help those who are looking to them for salvation from impending death.

### Looking This Way

For many years these godly men and women have pointed the people to the Saviour, and countless thousands have accepted him and have been baptized in the Faith. Indeed, the cause of Christ is making wondrous progress among the dense and dusky population of India, and now that disaster has befallen them and death is threatening them, what wonder that they are hoping for help from this country whence hail the missionaries who have told them again and again the beautiful story of one Jesus who went about doing good, who fed the multitudes, and whose followers in this prosperous country are walking in the footsteps of their Master, daily testing their

### A Safe Investment

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Let us each and every one make this investment, and lend to the Lord all we can possibly spare, and in due time he will repay all that we have lent him. How many lives will you undertake to save? Send us word quickly lest they perish before relief can reach them.

### The Land of His Birth

This pathetic cry for bread comes from the continent of Asia, concerning which Dr. Talmage says:

Egypt gave to us its monuments, Rome gave to us its law, Germany gave to us its philosophy, but Asia gave to us its Christ. His mother an Asiatic; the mountains that looked down upon him, Asiatic; the lakes on whose pebbly banks he rested and on whose chopped waves he walked, Asiatic; the apostles whom he first commissioned, Asiatic; the audiences he whelmed with his illustrations drawn from blooming lilies and salt crystals, and great rainfalls, and bellowing

of corn of the 2,500 millions harvested last year, we can fill ten ships, and the greatest life-saving fleet ever organized will speedily set sail and bring hope and life for four months to a million men, women and children.

### Let All Join Hands

Let every village be represented. Let every Church, Sunday School, Home and Foreign Mission Society do its share. Let Sunday School Officers, Teachers and Scholars vie with each other in hastening to the rescue of this unfortunate people. Let farmers organize and send car-loads of corn. This is the greatest opportunity of the closing century to do good in the Master's name. We are His almoners. He gave up all for us and now through these starving ones he claims a share of what he has entrusted to our care. Are we unjust stewards? God forbid!

### Help or They Perish

We urge upon every reader of FARM AND HOME to join the life-saving crew and to throw out to these starving people the life-line, before it is too late. Send us for mite boxes and collect funds. Fill a car with corn and send us for instructions. If you cannot pay freight charges The Christian Herald will pay the bill. If you cannot send corn send money. Pray that God's people everywhere may realize the importance and urgency of the case and may willingly and cheerfully give, even as God has prospered them.

Young People's Societies, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavorers, work earnestly; for the night of death threatens to enshroud a continent. You can give the clouds a silver lining and you will do it. This is The King's business. It requires haste. Every day's delay may prove fatal. Let us then be up and doing. He that sitteth in the heavens watches us. His eye is upon us. What we do let us do it as unto Him, and he that seeth in secret and rewardeth openly will bless us with an everlasting blessing.

### The Daughters of the King

There are in every community godly women, sympathetic and kind; consecrated women, who long to do good, as they have opportunity and to aid the poor, the suffering and the distressed. We look confidently to them for aid at this time. They can work, they can speak, they can plead, pray and give. May God call them to this mission and graciously prosper the work of their hearts and their hands.

Every remittance of money and every contribution of corn will be acknowledged in THE CHRISTIAN HERALD.



FAMINE CHILDREN PLUCKED AS BRANDS FROM THE BURNING Photographed at the American Mission House of Rev. E. S. Home, Hydrabad

lives by the standard he established, and ever asking themselves, What would Jesus do?

### Help Them Quickly

And shall they look in vain? Shall they be disappointed? Shall we lead them to believe that our religion is mere profession? Shall we shut up the bowels of our compassion and tell them that American money and American grain are for Americans only—that religion is one thing and charity quite another? Or shall we open up our hearts, our hands, our purses and our granaries, and in the name of our Master whom we serve bid them share with us the bounties of our Heavenly Father's goodness?

### Two Cents a Day

Two cents a day will support a life. One dollar will keep a man, woman or child two months from starvation. Ten dollars will save five lives for four months.

tempests, and hypocrites' long faces, and croaking ravens—all those audiences Asiatic. Christ during his earthly stay was but once outside of Asia.

### A Flying Relief Ship

The Secretary of State for India has cabled to THE CHRISTIAN HERALD that his government will pay transportation charges if America will speedily send a cargo of corn, and already arrangements are under way to have a capacious vessel laden with life-saving American grain start from the harbor of New York at an early date.

### Your Opportunity

All may help in this blessed work. Every contribution, however small, will be heartily welcomed and promptly acknowledged in the columns of The Christian Herald. If we can secure a million bushels

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