

THE STARVING MILLIONS IN CHINA.

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SAVE ONE CHILD.

How can we help when we have planned so much work and pledged ourselves to give to our utmost already? This is the question asked by many churches and individuals who long to give to the Chinese Famine Fund. Perhaps the actual-experience of one whose heart was touched by the need will answer the question. Belonging to a small struggling congregation which had just bought a lot, and planned to build a new church, knowing that every member was already giving and working to what seemed the limit of their ability to keep up their home and foreign offerings, it seemed useless to attempt an appeal for anything more, and yet—the children were dying. With the help of several children and members of the family, slips of paper were prepared, bearing this clause: 'Five cents will keep one child alive for a week—will you give five cents?' Space was left below for ten names, and those slips were offered in the Sunday school to those who cared to take them. The result more than justified the effort, for in one week over thirty dollars was collected. Those who had slips hardly needed to ask for the money, for not only their own families, but friends, neighbors, and acquaintances hearing of the fact, brought the small sums they had longed to give, yet had hardly felt to be worth sending. All gifts will be acknowledged in these columns. Address all contributions, John Dugall and Son, 'Witness' Block, Montreal, Que.



China's Famine Spreading.

Late despatches from China by cable, supplemented by mail advices, indicate that the great famine in the three provinces adjacent to the Grand Canal, is slowly but surely extending. Enormous masses of the population are in danger of perishing from starvation and exposure. Some of the accounts that reach us from Shanghai, tell of awful misery and suffering. The Viceroy of one of the afflicted provinces, states that the famine is 'ten times worse than any known in the last forty years.' He tells of a family consisting of husband, wife, and two children, in which the mother went foraging for food, and during her absence the father threw the children into the river and drowned them. On her return the mother asked for her children, and was told that the father could not bear to see them gradually starving to death, and there was no chance of feeding them, so he made away with them. The mother, greatly distressed, flung herself into the river, following her children. The head of the family, in utter despair at the loss of his all, took his life also. The whole family thus perished. Many suicides are taking place, and parents are drowning their children because of their inability to provide them with food. Children

are being sold at from one to three dollars each, and household goods, farming implements and cattle are also being disposed of to provide food for their immediate needs. Actual cases are known in which girls have been sold for \$3, and boys for \$2. Worst of all, there are stories current of actual cannibalism, but these reports do not come from the officials, who are trying to cover up the facts by vague statements and denials, although the general impression is that they are only too true. A correspondent of the 'Echo de Chine' says that in two districts, Sinchow and Paichow, starving and desperate people are eating their children, all the plants, grasses and roots having been exhausted. This correspondent adds that there have been many cases of cannibalism. He personally investigated several, and found them only too true. Human flesh, in some few localities, is actually being sold for food, although the ghoulish traffic was conducted secretly. At Woosung a great number of famine refugees have arrived lately. They were actually naked, with the exception of a few rags round their loins, and the women huddled their equally naked children to their breasts in regular Chinese fashion. They had the awful wolfish stare of starving people, which, when once seen, is not easily forgotten. Some of them ventured to snatch a few grains of

burnt rice, which had been placed on a mat in the sunshine to dry. These refugees had tramped all the way from the province of Honan. The North China 'Daily News' says: 'They were the first contingent of a large number who had broken through the cordon instituted by the local officials. The impression seems to be gaining ground, that the extent and magnitude of this calamity has not yet been realized by most people. It threatens to equal the appalling famines which, nearly thirty years ago, devastated the northern provinces, and destroyed hundreds of thousands of people.'—'Christian Herald.'

Good Books You Have Read.

It would be difficult to find a better use for good religious books than to place them in the hands of native preachers, who read English, on foreign mission fields. There are many such books lying idle on ministers' bookshelves and on those of other people. Of course we do not mean ancient volumes which have outlived their usefulness anywhere. Send the superfluous books of your modern stock, express prepaid, to the American Board rooms, Congregational House, Boston, or to some other Mission Home, and they will soon be put to work in Turkey, India, and other lands.