

## Correspondence

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Dear Mr. Editor,—

We are writing the Editors of our Dominion asking their co-operation in securing help for the famine-stricken Province of Anhui and Kiangsu in China, where nearly three million people are destitute and perishing.

The conditions there are appalling. The harvest was all destroyed by the terrible flood, and no food can be had from the soil until June or later. Many villages were entirely swept away, and the people left homeless and in dire distress. Multitudes gather together in great camps; those who are strong enough wander over the hills, pulling up roots of weeds for fuel in cooking the pittance of rice they may receive from the relief agencies. The suffering is terrible. Thousands of tottering babies, boys and girls clad in rags—if clad at all—are about everywhere; old men and women hobble about leaning on sticks for support, or lie by the wayside, their eyes staring up in mute appeal. Many thousands have perished, and it is estimated that over a million will die unless help is *immediately* sent.

The Chinese Consul-General at Ottawa writes that the distress is indescribable. The Honorary Secretary of the Distributing Committee in Shanghai cables that the famine area is larger than at first believed. Bishop White, of Honan, cables an urgent appeal for help.

The one hundred thousand dollars asked from Canada to help meet this awful situation should be *easily and immediately secured*. ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS WILL SAVE A HUMAN LIFE. How many lives will your readers save?

The Editors of our country can do more than any other class to assist in this work. We ask you to make a strong appeal through your paper, making use of this letter as you may think necessary, noting that His Excellency Earl Grey, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, J. M. Gibson, and the Hon. Sir James Whitney are giving this movement their hearty support. We suggest that in making the appeal you give your readers the alternative of sending contributions direct to the Treasurer of the Central Committee, Mr. S. J. Moore, 445 King Street West, Toronto, or sending to you; and that in the latter case you acknowledge all such contributions