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HUNGRY CHILDREN NUMBER 250,000

Already 168 Orphanages Are Operated in the Near East -An Appalling Story.

Describing the work of the American Near East Relief, Alexander J. Hemp-hill, the chairman, says: "The Armenians are universally recognized in normal times as the most thrifty, industrious and prosperous peo-ple of the Near East, but they have now been for four years exiled from their ancestral homes, their last vestige of negotiable property has been sacrificed for food and protection and they enter the doors held open by the Near East Relief, destitute, hopeless and ut-

East Relief, destitute, hopeless and utterly forlorn.
"For these people, escaped from almost unreal horrors, ragged, starving, shaken with disease, naturally the first thought is food, clothing and medical care. In nearly all of the homes maintained by the Near East Relief there is either a hospital in connection with the either a hospital in connection with the institution, a clinic to which the people may go for treatment, or a visiting physician alert to segregate suspicious cases, keeping a watchful eye on the health of the little community. There are thirty-seven hospitals, with as many as 88,728 clinic attendants each month. "The most persistent ailment especially as the content of the most persistent ailment especially as the content of the most persistent ailment especially as the content of the most persistent ailment especially as the content of the conten "The most persistent ailment, especially among the children in the orphanages, is scabies, that horrid parasitical





COOKERY.

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COCOA BISCUIT

4 teaspoons baking powder

2. Rub in the butter with the tips of the fingers.
3. Add milk gradually, mixing to a soft dough.
4. Toss on floured board.

2 tablespoons flour 4 tablespoons Cowan Cocoa

3 tablespoons butter

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skin disease known as 'itch.' When the children first enter an orphanage, sometimes brought by a relief worker, picked up like a stray homeless little animal in the street, more often drifting in alone, attracted like the same stray homeless dumb thing by the smell of food, they are bathed at once and then rubbed thoroughly with ointment, for every wandering waif is infected with this disease. It sometimes takes months of treatment to relieve the trouble, their past surroundings, conditions of filth and malnutrition all contributing to its development and tenacious hold.

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"There are 168 orphanages operating at present in those districts to which the little children have fled from the cruel treatment of the Turk, while supplementary aid also is given institutions conducted by nationals and supervised by Americans. Thus far 41,200 homeless, wandering, helpless little creatures have been gathered into the mothering arms within the portals of the Near East institutions and still they come and more doors must be opened, for there are 250,000 hungry children, sometimes even nameless children, in the Near East today.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

(Moncton Transcript.)
The provincial government's vigorous efforts to improve the roads of the province is in line with what is being done in the other provinces and in the United States. The only drawback is that the roads have been so neglected under previous administrations that very large sums are required to show good results.

previous administrations that very large sums are required to show good results. Had a few millions been spent on our roads years ago it would have been a good investment, for then wages were low and money went a long way.

The present government has spent about \$2,000,000 on permanent roads, and there is general testimony to the marked improvement which has been affected all over the province. To secure this money over the province. To secure this money the government funded the motor vehicle tax, which is increasing every year. Motor vehicles are hard on roads, and it is only proper that their owners should contribute to the making of permanent roads. The present motor vehicle tax will provide interest and sinking funder all the means that of the present so far or present. on all the money spent so far on permanent roads and charged to capital account. As the number of vehicles increases further amounts will be avail-

ranging to spend enormous sums on road work this year. It is said an immense impetus has been given to the good roads movement by soldiers returning from France, where they saw how much good roads contributed to the comfort and convenience of a people.

MONCTON PERSONALS. (Transcript Monday.)

Miss Erminie Climo of St. John is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tingley.

Miss Marie Roach of Sussex is visiting her friend, Miss Greta Capson Percy M. Tamlyn who has been spending some time in New York returned to he city on Saturday.
R. M. Rive, who has been suffering R. M. Rive, who has been suffering from influenza for some days, was much improved last night.

Judge C. A. Steeves showed much improvement today.

Mrs. William A. Earl left on Saturday afternoon to visit her son, Alfred, who is in the hospital at St. John, where he was to undergo a serious operation on Monday.

Dr. George R. Dobson lies seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. E. G. Ziegler of Kitchener, Ont., arrived home on Saturday night to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry.

Dr. Ogle has been confined to his home for the past two or three days with a sever cold, but is now improving.

Samuel West, an employe of the C. N.
R. stores department, is critically ill at

his home.

Mrs Melbourne Steeves is slightly improved today. She has been confined to her bed for the last week with attack of influenza. an attack of influenza.

Douglas Weldon reached the city this morning from Halifax. He will assume charge of McCurdy's stock exchange offices, as F. A. Lane, the popular "Vicentre," is being promoted to New York

FINE GERMAN SMUGGLERS. London, Eng., Feb 11—For smuggling German clocks, five seamen were fined

FINANCIAL PROBLEM

A Community Church as a Solution of It.

(Sackville Tribune.) We frequently hear ministers of the gospel and others dilate upon the fact that ministers are very poorly paid and that ministers are very poorly paid and no doubt they are, but why is it so? Is it because the members and adherents of churches are penurious and niggardly or is there another reason not generally recognized? The reason that appeals to us is that a lot of people think more of their church than they do of the gospel of Christ and they will work hardest to maintain a particular sect the gosper of Chits and they will work harder to maintain a partigular sect than they will for the salvation of the world. Go to any small town and what do we find? Four Protestant churches each with its own pastor, its own services, its own prayer meetings, its own organization.

Many such churches are holding on to life by their finger tips.

holding on to life by their finger tips. The ministers are poorly paid; of course they are, how could it be otherwise? A mere handful of people holding pie socials and tea meetings in a super-human effort to keep agoing a particular brand of religion, which has not more to recommend it than any of the other denominations in the same town. Now if these churches would "get together" and form a community church what wonderful things would be accomplished. The combined efforts of the four congregations could easily pay a first-class should be supported liberally and gen
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ported. If the churches really ought to exist; if they occupy an important place in the life of a community, then they should be supported liberally and gen
MUST TALK ENGLISH OR GO derful things would be accomplished. The combined efforts of the four congregations could easily pay a first-class minister an adequate and decent salary. Then indeed would the business men of the town stand behind such an enterprice. They would recognize that at last the devotees of religion had stumbled upon a little common sense and instead of railing at the people for or a church member or a church adherent does not absolve you from falling to give enough to maintain ministers in fitting style, they would be cooperating in a big effort to make the community a better place to live in, to raise the standard of citizenship, to quit talking sectarianism and unite upon the great essentials of Christianity. So long as the churches maintain their present wasteful policy, just so long will business men stand aloof and be open to the criticism that they give liberally to every enterprise, good, bad and indifferent, but fail to support the churches in a way that they ought to be sup-

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