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FAMINE IN INDIA.

Several millions of our fellow subjects in India are now suffering under the fearful calamity of a famine, their crops having been burnt up by the drought and intense heat of the sun. It is said that the scenes to be witnessed throughout the famine-stricken districts are most terrible. Hundreds of families at a time perishing for want of food, after living for weeks on refuse or roots dug up with their hands. Parents may be seen in every direction offering their children for sale to buy food.

The great benevolent heart of England has been touched by this awful calamity, and vast sums are being subscribed for the relief of the poor Hindoos. Over one hundred thousand dollars was collected lately in less than a week in London. Much good will be done by the money when it reaches India, and as the Hindoos live on rice it has been computed that each five dollars of the money sent out will keep a family for three months. These poor creatures pray to their gods for rain, and the Brahmins tell them that their prayers are all heard. Surely such a famine as this should prove to them how little dumb idols can do.

One effect of the famine will be to leave many helpless orphans, not a few of whom will be gathered into our own Orphanages, where preparations are being made for their reception.