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HELP the HALIFAX BLIND

THE tragedy of the suddenly blind; of those who in the morning saw a great world and a beautiful city and suddenly found that the world and the city had passed forever from their sight is told with the strength of moderate language in the appeal recently sent out by Sir Frederick Fraser, head of the School for the Blind in Halifax.

In a letter to the editor of this paper, Sir Frederick expresses the wish that, through our many thousands of readers all over Canada, we should give publicity to his appeal. We do so herewith in the confident expectation that people all over Canada will respond to the call. The Halifax tragedy made a direct call upon the kindness of Canadians as nothing has ever done in the history of this country.

If every reader of the Canadian Courier would do no more than send an average of twenty-five cents in any sort of currency capable of being mailed to the address given on another page, the philanthropic efforts of Sir Frederick Fraser and his staff of workers would be immensely stimulated. Here is the call. Will you answer it?

To the Friends of the Blind in Canada:—

In view of the recent terrible explosion in Halifax, and the number of persons who have become totally or partially blind as a result of the same, the several organizations in Halifax for the care and training of the blind find themselves almost overwhelmed in meeting the new conditions which have arisen. Even before the disaster the resources of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Home Teaching Society for the Blind, the Maritime Association for the Blind, etc., etc., found it almost impossible with their limited resources to meet the demands upon them, but these demands have been suddenly increased by the necessity for providing shelter, care and training for upwards of two hundred men, women and children who lost their sight as a result of the recent disaster. Under these circumstances it is imperative that an appeal be made to all sympathetic and public spirited Canadians. The best and most effective way of making provision for these sightless people is to immediately increase the Blind Endowment Fund so that it may reach a total of \$500,000.00. The income arising from such an endowment fund will enable us to meet the problems of the blind in Halifax in a systematic and practical manner, and would bring to many a one now helpless and hopeless new opportunities to fit himself or herself for the battle of life. No greater need to help the blind has ever arisen in any part of the world and I believe that when the people of Canada fully appreciate the situation generous help will be forthcoming.

The Blind Endowment Fund is in the hands of three trustees, namely, the President of the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind, Halifax; the Treasurer of the School for the Blind, and The Eastern Trust Co., of Halifax.

A FEW TYPICAL CASES.

- A woman of 31, now totally blind, is a patient in one hospital while her little daughter nine years of age, totally blind, is a patient in another.
- A mother, 35 years old, totally blind, father has lost one eye and a child aged five is totally blind.
- A young wife of 18 whose husband is in the army is still in hospital, four months pregnant and frantic over practical blindness.
- A mother, 45 years of age, now totally blind, had five children of whom one is missing, one lost a leg, one is suffering from other serious injury, and one is totally blind. The father was probably killed as he has been missing since the explosion. The child of the married daughter is also totally blind and badly mutilated.
- A mother, of 39, totally blind, had a child of 10 totally blinded in the explosion, who has since died. A second child, aged 12, has lost one eye. The husband is in the trenches.

Contributions towards the Blind Endowment Fund may be sent to
SIR FREDERICK FRASER
School for the Blind, Halifax

IN a letter to Edward VanCleve, Superintendent of the New York Institute for Education of the Blind, Sir Frederick told the story of how the explosion affected the School for the Blind:

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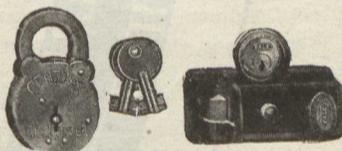
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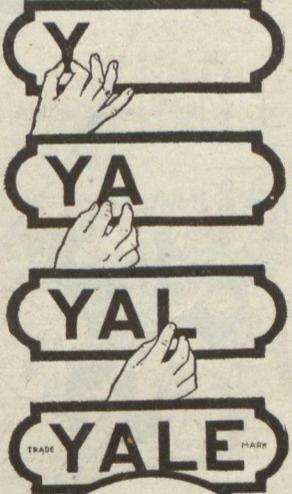


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