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An Easter Appeal

By MAUD ROYDEN
Famous Evangelist and Lecturer.

WHEN I plead for the Armenian children at Easter-tide I ask myself what excuse can anyone have for refusing help in this case. The only one I have yet met is this: "We don't like the Armenians."

But if you were to travel about the world and realize how intensely we are disliked in some parts of the world, your hair would stand on end. Is everyone who is disliked to die? If so, we shall be among the first, I assure you.

It is true that the Armenian race is a very troublesome one. It is always being massacred! It is always in trouble. For 4,000 years the Near East has been the battleground of nations. No other portion of the world's surface has been so drenched with human blood. Millions of lives and billions in property have been sacrificed. Armies and navies have failed. They have brought only desolation and ruin. They have not enriched life. Where there was hatred they have engendered more hatred, suspicion, distrust and desire for revenge.

Yet there will be no permanent world peace until the Near East question is solved.

In the Near East today there is a latent and new force that will prove mightier than all the armies of the past—little children, about a hundred thousand of them, fatherless, motherless, homeless, penniless, but none the less potential leaders of a new Near East.

The tragedy of these children is poignant. Many of them became refugees at the age of one or two years; they have lost all memory of their families; their relatives are dead; their mothers would not even recognize them again if they saw them. They have no country, for Armenia has ceased to exist. The present plight of the Armenian nation is in some respects worse than it was under Abdul Hamid. A heroic little Christian nation is homeless.

Yet I do not plead for them because they are Christians. Whatever their religion, I should feel the same about them I do plead because for their religion, whatever it is, they have suffered unnameable things, and any people that is willing to do that is a people that deserves to live.

Let us do that pitiful little service which at present seems to be all we can do—give our help to those who are trying to collect the scattered families and provide food and clothing for a hundred thousand orphans.

We do not know how far a few loaves and fishes can be made to go Here is no gigantic, unmanageable problem, like the Russian famine. It is a handful of people for whom I plead, and who knows how far the help we send may go?

Here are people needing only a little help to make good. Will you help them? We shall all be happier at Easter if we do.

Near East Relief, 14 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md.

Flogged by Turk Police, He Wins a Decoration



Christopher C. Thurber, of Philadelphia, who was flogged by the Turkish police because he aided Greek and Armenian refugees, has been awarded the Near East Relief distinguished service medal. His citation says "he repeatedly risked his life for the helpless and persecuted." He contracted typhus while working among the refugees.

All the World's Studio To This Photographer



Ernest B. Schoedsack, of Los Angeles, is called "young-man-going somewhere" by his friends. He spent two years in Armenia an official moving picture photographer of the Near East Relief, and his services there won him the society's medal of merit. He was instrumental in the saving of many lives at Smyrna

MAKING HISTORY THROUGH CHARITY

Near East Relief Is World's Greatest Charity, Says Annual Report to Congress.

MILLION GIVERS DURING YEAR

What Dawes Plan Did for Europe, Philanthropy Is Doing in Bible Lands.

The state committee of Near East Relief has received from Washington a copy of the organization's annual report, which was laid before the Senate a few days ago by its presiding officer, Vice President Dawes, who happens also to be one of the national trustees of the relief organization. This report is filed with Congress annually in accordance with the national charter of Near East Relief, and embodies a full account of the work done during the calendar year. The report says in part:

"In principle what the Dawes Committee did in Europe in 1924, American philanthropy has attempted to do in the Near East. A demonstration of ways and means of international reconstruction was not only a prime essential of good relief, but it became peculiarly necessary in 1924 to enable American philanthropy adequately to round out its work.

"The chain of orphanges that Near East Relief has built up overseas is the most remarkable success of continuing charity that the American people has ever achieved; for the raising of money in a spurt after some great catastrophe is child's play compared with the continuous support, year in and year out, of children salvaged from death in such catastrophe.

Volunteer Workers Everywhere

"More than a million Americans contributed $4,265,322 to Near East Relief during the past year. But even more significant than this financial response was the large enlistment of volunteer workers throughout the United States. Local committees in every state of the Union included 12,000 persons in their active membership. The National Woman's Committee had the organized assistance of 45,725 women's organizations and clubs. More than a hundred nation-wide Advisory Committees, representing various religious, political, social or commercial groups, co-operated in nation-wide promotion of Near East Relief. It has been this volunteer service on a large scale which has made possible the effective and economical collection of funds necessary for the overseas operations.

"The general policy in our work abroad during the year has been to confine activities, as largely as practicable, to orphanage and child-welfare work. In a war-ravaged, impoverished area, where 28 per cent of the population are refugees and where the wholesale exchanges of the populations are still in progress with an inevitable accompaniment of suffering, reduction of the relief program has not been easy."

During the past year the service of Near East Relief abroad reached 554,978 persons, of whom the great majority were women and children. This service included food, medical aid, education, clothing and personal service, such as the release of Greek military and civil prisoners and the supervision of refugee emigration. Children in orphanages numbered 41,062 at the beginning e year; children supervised and s lized in families were 18,774, and ildren in special schools were 1,454. The institutions supported were as follows: 46 orphanage centers, 65 hospitals and clinics, and 22 special schools and other institutions The report adds:

Children Placed in Homes

"Every effort is being made to deinstitutionalize the orphanage and child-welfare work and to provide homes or self-supporting employment for all the children as rapidly as possible The statistics reveal an unprecedented achievement in child placement. During 1923 a total of 14,159 children were placed in homes, apprenticed or otherwise brought into comparatively normal, social and economic relationships. During 1924 an additional 12,000 were similarly placed. This means the placing out of one child every ten minutes of each working day throughout the two years. In every instance personal consideration is given to the individual child and the safeguarding of his future. Personal inspection and later supervision is required in every home or environment in which a child is placed.

"When one notes that the largest child-welfare organization in America has placed only 3,225 children in the prosperous homes of this country in twenty-five years' time, one realizes the task involved in finding homes for 12,000 orphan children in a single year in the midst of the social and political chaos of the Near East. In the opinion of some, the outplacing has been too drastic for the good of the children, but it has been necessitated by financial limitations. Apparently the saturation point has been reached, for the time being, in some areas."

Large Deficit From Smyrna

The total disbursements during the year were $3,966,329, leaving a balance on the year's operations of $298,993, which has been applied to the deficit remaining from the Smyrna disaster. The balance sheet at the end of the year shows a remaining deficit of $298,229.

Total expenditures by the Near East Relief since its organization have been $90,337,820, of which $24,000,000 was spent in Armenia, $20,000,000 in Turkey, $11,000,000 in Syria and Palestine, $7,500,000 in Mesopotamia and Persia, and $3,000,000 in Greece. During the same period, the "national headquarters expense," including administration, publicity and supervision, was $4,586,000, or approximately five per cent, of which more than half was met by special contributions for expense and interest on bank balances.

Anti-Malaria Campaign

"The outstanding curse of the Near East is malaria," says a report. "During the past year the Near East Relief conducted a comprehensive demonstration of anti-malaria tecnique at Corinth, Greece, where the disease was making heavy inroads in the American orphanages. The American director had succumbed to the disease and several of the American nurses were likewise victims. Children were ill by the hundreds.

"A survey of the local surroundings of the orphanage showed that 54 per cent of the native population were infected. The Near East Relief mobilized sanitary engineers to find the root of the epidemic. The source was a vast swamp covering more than a square mile, and acres of vineyards from which the malarial mosquitoes swept over the whole valley of Corinth.

War on Mosquitoes

"With Greek government support the Americans obtained authority to drain the swamps and enforce rigid sanitary regulations in the town Ninety orphan boys did the work assisted by squads of refugee laborers. After two months' work the swamp was dry; fifty miles of irrigation ditches had been completed; 783 open wells had been covered; 20 reservoirs were oiled biweekly; 300 houses were under constant inspection, a small river channel had been deepened, and 2,000 pounds of petroleum was being used weekly for oiling stagnant water.

"Thus the mosquito plague was got under control, and instead of 14,000 cases of virulent malaria per month as in the previous year, not a single new case of malaria was reported in August. The percentage of children ill from malaria dropped from 56 to 1 per cent.

"The government of Turkey, hearing of the success of this experiment in Greece, has asked the Near East Relief to give advice and assistance in a similar campaign at Angora, the new Turkish capital."

Homes for Refugees

Discussing the refugee problem in Greece, the report says:

"When the allied nations sought a solution of the greatest human problem since the days of Moses—the replanting of a million Turkish-speaking Greeks who were refugees from Turkey—America provided the man to lead the effort in the founder and executive committeeman of the Near East Relief, Henry Morgenthau.

"Near East Relief in nominating one of its own officials to this high international task was showing no immodesty. It was essential that American philanthropy promote all possible means of helping Greece to restore itself so that thousands of orphan children could eventually leave the orphanages.

"Beyond the high sentimental value of participating in the giving of work to refugee families, it was a plain case of necessity for stabilizing the regions surrounding the American orphanages in order to complete the job of child relief."



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LICENSE LAW

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1916.

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