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1895

3 Trebovir Road,
South Kensington.

General Pitt Rivers

Dear Sir

I had the privilege
of visiting your
interesting museum
& Charming Lamer
Tree & King John's
House on Whit-Monday
and felt deeply
happy that such

ideal recreations-
grounds had been
generously planned
& opened freely
to visitors, by
one great benefactor
associated as I
have ever been
with schemes for
promoting happiness
amongst working people

By means of innocent amusement
at the two great Colleges for
men & women in Bloomington
It was a joy to notice the devoted
artistic thought & care, & un-
limited generosity given so
freely to the public by you.

I was more grateful for my
share of pleasure & still
more so for the good &
culture you must bring
to thousands in the course
of each season —

Seeing your goodness to your
own people, I want to ask
your help for my small
scheme for helping Armenian
sufferers — I began the work
of getting signatures to the
address of sympathy which I
enclose, & of collecting money
because no one else can!

forward. I have ^(L.S.D.)
neither time nor
influence, but I
feel compelled
to do my best.
Macey comes in
very slowly. Still
I have already
sent some out
for immediate
relief in Van &
I mean to persevere.
The Daily News
is the only paper
willing to help me

because I am not
known! I want to
form an influential
Com^{ee} & to get
names of my stature
on it, & above
all to get money,
so that we may
do for Armenia,
what England gold
did for Bulgaria
through Dr. Humphrey
Sandwith in '78.

Will you be so kind
as to read the enclosed
letters from Dan
& then consider
whether you can
help the cause
either by advice
influence or
money —
Believe me
sincerely yours
Madeline Cole

ATROCITIES IN ARMENIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ECHO.

Sir,—The graphic accounts in the daily papers of the atrocities in Armenia must appeal to women with special force. The cowardly butchery of innocent children, of unoffending, helpless unarmed men and women, arouse in their hearts such a passion of pity and indignation that they are impelled in some way to give utterance to the horror they feel, and to convey to the surviving martyrs of Turkish cruelty and lust their sympathy and desire to help. Mrs. Madeleine Cole, of 3, Trebovir Road, South Kensington, whose letter suggesting a special address of condolence and sympathy from the women of England to the women of Armenia, appeared in the *Daily News* of March 20th, will be thankful to hear from those of her own sex willing to help in sending a message of sisterly and heartfelt sympathy, and also of the practical help in the way of money and clothes of which they stand so sorely in need, to these broken-hearted, bereaved, and destitute people. Surely those with hearts to feel, and imaginations to picture the terrible scenes which have devastated Armenia, laid waste the homes of her people, and robbed them of so many dear ones, will not refuse help at such a crisis in their fate. Mrs. Cole is anxious to establish a strong committee, and there must be many women of leisure who will gladly give their time, their influence, and their intelligence to so excellent a cause. Will all such communicate with Mrs. Cole at once, who will also be glad to receive gifts of money and clothing until a central bureau can be indicated, and can furnish forms of address to all who apply and will undertake to solicit signatures.—Yours &c.,

MARY HICKSON,

—*Echo*, April 3rd, 1895.

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ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS.

Sir,—Not a few of your readers must have noticed with warm approval and interest Mrs. Cole's appeal for the women of Armenia, and such will be glad to know that addresses of sympathy and encouragement (entirely non-political) are now ready for signature, and can be had on application to Mrs. Cole, 3, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, S.W.; or Mrs. Hickson, 6, Petherton Road, Highbury, N. May I, however, be permitted to point out, and that strongly, that sympathy alone is of little use in such torture, outrage, and privation as our Armenian sisters are undergoing? Shame upon us if we do not send substantial help to prove our sympathy is real, and that womanly pity is practical, not merely sentimental. Surely every woman who signs can give something, be it only 6d. I shall doubtless be met with the remark that "there is plenty of distress in England, and charity begins at home." True, and we do not ask anyone to withhold a single crumb from the help they propose to afford our needy fellow countrymen, but to supplement it (even at the cost of a little self-denial) for those who need it so sorely abroad. Do not our own sufferings and troubles, our money worries, our aches and pains, our domestic and social annoyances, our selfish ambitions, fade into absolute insignificance against such suffering as theirs? Where in England, even amongst the Submerged Tenth, could such misery be found? Who amongst us can dare to plead that we have "so much to do," "so many calls," that we "must look at home"? Is there not one self-indulgence that can be foregone for these tortured, homeless fellow-creatures? Again, we are met with the remark that "after all, Armenians are foreigners." Is it possible that with our boasted nineteenth century civilization that word can still exist as a term of reproach? Does anyone suppose those Armenian women feel their loss of home, honour, and kindred less because they were not born on British soil? Patriotism is an undoubted virtue, but when it overleaps the bounds of common humanity it becomes the very sophistry of selfishness. May I remind the millions who have worshipped in Christian Churches this Easter that He Whose supreme self-sacrifice they commemorate was Himself a foreigner?—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) WARNER SNOAD,
President International Women's Union.

THE ARMENIAN SUFFERERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS.

Sir,—Will you be kind enough to make room in your paper for a few words of humble suggestion which I wish to make with regard to the question of Armenia? I cannot help feeling that the time has come when, at any rate, we women of England can no longer sit down in silence and apparent apathy. Surely we might send a non-political address of condolence and deep sympathy at once from the women of England to the women of Armenia, backed by help in money. There is no reason, indeed, why the expression of grief and of fellow suffering should be restricted to England. A cry of distress should go forth from women in all parts of the civilised world to our sisters in the East. I am sure you could indicate many existing channels of organization through which individual women might record their sympathy and desire of giving help. I would, moreover, venture to suggest that all Christian churches and sects should proceed to formulate petitions to Parliament, praying for its immediate consideration of the Armenian question.—Faithfully yours,

MADELEINE COLE.

3, Trebovir-road, South Kensington.

—*Daily News*, March 20th, 1895.

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THE WOMEN'S ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS.

Sir,—May I ask you to be so kind as to find space for the enclosed letters from Van in the column of your paper? They afford such pathetic testimony to the urgent need of money to relieve the terrible destitution in Armenia that they must greatly strengthen and aid the Women's Armenian Relief Fund by proving that channels, whereby relief can be wisely and safely distributed, are in existence side by side with the great wrong and suffering. I have already been able to forward a sum of money for immediate relief, and I hope that now a more influential Association is formed the work initiated by Mrs. Hickson and myself will be rapidly and efficiently pushed forward.—Believe me, with warmest thanks for your ready kindness and help,
sincerely yours,
MADELEINE COLE.

British Vice-Consulate, Van, May 7th, 1895.

Madam,—Miss Kimball, of the American Mission here, tells me she is writing to you with reference to your letter in "The Daily News," of April 3, in which you proposed the charitable scheme of raising a fund for the poor of this region. May I be allowed to say that should such a scheme be carried out I do not think the funds raised could be entrusted to better hands for distribution in Van than to those of Miss Kimball, who has carried on medical work in this town for some four years, and is consequently well acquainted with the needs of the people. The need for such relief is unquestionable, there is an enormous amount of destitution in this town and district, and there will certainly be more next winter.—I am, Madam, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. M. HALLWARD,

Mrs. M. Cole.

H.M. Vice-Consul.

Van, Turkey in Asia, 3rd May, 1895.

Dear madam,—In "The Daily News" of April 3rd I see a note from you expressing sympathy and suggesting practical aid for the women of Armenia. You will pardon me if I address you on the same subject, introducing myself as a member of the American Mission in this place. Being a physician, my work brings me very closely in contact with the sufferings and, for the present, hopeless poverty of the people. I need not enlarge upon the general condition of the country, nor explain to you the causes. These are matters of present-day history, well known to the Christian world. But I am sure that it is hard for any save eye witnesses to realise the utter helplessness and want in which a very large proportion of the people now find themselves. Life in the villages is well-nigh impossible, and as a result the villagers flock to the city. For the past few winters we have kept many alive by distributing bread. For the winter of 1893-4 we had about 75% from outside; the past winter we had little beyond our own private contributions. But we feel sure that the year now before us—whatever its political alleviations may be—is bound to be one of dire suffering. Few have seed corn, and many who have are unable to sow because of the condition of the country. On fields sown in the fall, and already green, the Kurds are, in many places, turning their flocks. We feel that we ought to let the world know of the great need of this people, and take steps in advance to meet the suffering that—great enough now—is sure to increase and reach a climax with the coming on of winter. In addition to relieving cases of immediate and pressing distress, our desire is, if funds should be entrusted to us, to invest them in wool and to establish an industrial bureau rather than pauperise the people by gratuitous help. The greater number, both of women and men and children, understand the various processes of the manufacture of wool into carpets, sacks for grain, coarse goods for clothing, &c. By this plan the danger of pauperising would be largely avoided, the people would be more lifted out of their hopelessness, and the money could be made to do a very much larger amount of relief work. I enclose a guarantee of good faith, and would assure you that any contributions sent to this people through us or through any other channel will be the means of relieving, in so far, what I must believe is distress unparalleled to-day anywhere in the world.—Thanking you in behalf of the sufferers of this land for your sympathy and your desire to assist them, believe me, dear Madam, yours very obediently,

Mrs. M. Cole.

GRACE N. KIMBALL.

May 29th 1895

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We, the undersigned women of Great Britain and Ireland, having heard with profound indignation and sorrow of the recent sufferings of our sisters at Sassoun and elsewhere in Armenia, send them affectionate greeting, and beg to assure them of our deep sympathy, together with our earnest desire to encourage and help them. In the present time of terror and gloom, we bid them take comfort in the belief that help is near. Their heroic examples and great sufferings have aroused wide-spread commiseration and admiration amongst all the civilised peoples of the world; feelings which will not be satisfied until some happy and peaceful solution of the intolerable position of the oppressed Armenian people has been attained.

Name .

Address .

Please Paste on foolscap to lengthen
the address -

Return when filled to: Mrs W.R. Cole
3. Trebovir Road South Kensington

The smallest donation to the Women's
Armenian Relief Fund will be
thankfully received & acknowledged.

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