

# Beilage zu Der Mitarbeiter.

Mai, 1917.

## Quittungen

### betreffs der Dankopferkollekte.

Durch Ält. Abrah. Dörksen in der Bank of Montreal, Altona deponiert: Kollekten von verschiedenen Bezirken in Manitoba \$1617.30	
Von Pred. A. F. Peters, Swift Current 108.35	
„ Ält. David Dörksen, Herbert, 145.00	
„ Ält. Aron Zacharias, Rosthern 150.00	
„ Pred. A. A. Dyck, Didsbury 185.00	
„ Pred. G. A. Neufeld, Herbert 11.25	
Von Pred. Heinrich Dörksen, Riverville, Man. Kollekten von den Gemeinden der Ost-Reserve und von anderwärts 1168.00	
Von d. Bruderthaler Gemeinde 20.70	
„ Goldemanns „ 88.00	
„ Kleinen „ 216.10	
„ Thortitz „ 843.20	
Kollekte durch Bergthaler Waisenamt 12.00	
Durch Benj. Ewert in der Bank of Montreal, Altona, Man. deponiert:	
Kollekte v. Halbstadt und Straßberg 122.00	
„ „ Edenburg und Edenthal 62.50	
„ „ Gretna 80.00	
„ „ Altona und Umgegend 160.15	
„ „ Rosenfeld u. „ 48.35	
„ „ Lowe Farm u. „ 36.00	
„ „ Haskett und „ 15.39	
„ „ Winkler und „ 207.20	
„ d. Brüdergem. zu Winkler 162.00	
Nachträglich von der Brüdergemeinde 8.00	
Kollekte der Kleinen Gemeinde bei Morris, Man. durch, Pred. Joh. K. Friesen 105.00	
Von Joh. D. Penner, Winnipeg 2.00	
„ G. K. Reimer, Steinbach, Man. 10.00	
„ Jakob Enns, Rosenort. Kollekte 9.00	
„ Rev. Gerh. Goossen, McTavish 5.00	
„ P. M. Elias, Pambrum, Sask. 5.00	
„ P. S. Krehbiel, Simpson, Sask. 5.00	
„ Witwe Kath. Wiens und Kinder, Foam Lake, Sask. 20.00	
Kollekte d. Gnadenau Br. Gem. bei Morse, Sask. durch J. G. Priebe 45.00	

Kollekte der Herbert Gemeinde, Sask.	
durch Rev. F. Sawakhy 40.83	
durch Wilhelm Janzen 71.00	
durch Jakob F. Sawakhy 46.00	
Kollekte von Wymark u. Neville, Sask.	
durch P. J. Epp 46.65	
Kollekte von Lost River, Sask.	
durch Aron A. Dörksen 15.50	
Von H. A. Kahlhoff, Carnduff, Sask. 4.00	
Kollekte von Carnduff, Sask.	
durch J. B. Janzen 19.00	
Kollekte d. Gem. Linden, Acme, Alb.	
durch J. B. Löws, Salwell, Alb. 69.00	
Kollekte d. Zoar Gem. bei Langham,	
durch G. W. Wiebe. 134.00	
„ „ Bethesda Gem. bei Langham, Sask. d. P. Mierau 123.00	
„ „ Br. Gem. bei Main Centre, Sask. durch Jakob Schröder 16.00	
Von D. J. Döll, Main Centre, Sask. 4.50	
Kollekte von Waldheim, Sask.	
durch John A. Funk 32.75	
Von Rev. David Löws, Rosthern eingeschickt	
Kollekte von Carman Schule 14.00	
„ „ Danzig Schule 8.20	
„ „ Tiefengrund, Sask. 48.00	
„ „ Laird, Sask. 116.00	
„ „ Eigenheim, Sask. 11.25	
„ „ Rosthern, Sask. 42.50	
„ Nachträglich von Laird, Sask. 2.00	
„ von Abram Janzen, Hague 2.00	
„ „ Eduard Ewert, Lockwood 10.00	
„ „ Nordstern Gemeinde 164.00	
„ „ Huttertalern bei Guernsey 32.50	
Total \$5577.17	

Diese Totalsumme ist den 27. April durch Ält. Abraham Dörksen und Benjamin Ewert per Bankanweisung an Herrn R. B. Bennett, General-Direktor vom Nationaldienst, Ottawa, zur Übergabe an die Verwaltung solcher Gelder geschickt worden.

Nachträglich zugesandt erhalten: Kollekte von der Mennoniten Brüdergemeinde zu Hepburn, Sask. durch R. K. Kroecker 56.00

Waldeck, Sask., Nov. 30, 1917

L.J. Burkholder,

Markham, Ont.,

My dear brother:

Your esteemed favour of the 15th ~~Inst.~~ Inst. received and contents duly noted. I was really surprised and am very glad to receive a letter from a friend of Markham. It was in 1875 when we came from Russia on our way to Manitoba. Arriving at Toronto we were invited by Brethern of Markham to come over there and stay with them for one year. We did so, and during that year we received very many friends in that locality such as old Sam Risser, John & Jonas Reimer, John Coch, Jake Wightman and many others. After <sup>wards</sup> when I was engaged in the immigration work with the Dominion Government and the C.P.R. Co, I visited Markham several times and felt always very happy to come into my old temporary hom and meet so many of the old friends. Now a letter from you awakes the old feelings, and although it is forty two years <sup>ago</sup> it seems to me it is only a few years.

These remarks I only make to remind you that I was once well adqainted in the vicinity of Markham, <sup>Stoville</sup> Unionville, Agincourt, and Toronto. Now I will answer your questions. (1) The money our different communities of the Mennonite Churches contributed to the Government last May, was simply to assist poor familys, widows, and returned soldiers, but not to give any help to conduct the War. It was a kind of thanks given to the Government for the approval of our treaty made in 1873. (2) I do not know whether there are any other contributions made at regular times. The communitys of the real old Mennonite colonists, who do not work with the other churches together have contributed

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money several times for the Patriotic Fund, but as they do not work with the others in any way, I am not sure how many contributions they have made. At the present time the Mennonites in Manitoba are buying Victory Bonds and are endeavouring to buy for one million dollars worth, This money of course will be turned into bullets as the daily papers always advertise to help <sup>to</sup> win the War. This action looks to me very doubtful and is very much like this; I am not willing to fight, but I have the money and pay the money to another man for making guns and bullets, while the third man is doing the shooting, so we all three are engaged in the work.

I do not belong to the old Mennonite Church, but are a member of the New Jerusalem Church, and it seems to me I am stricter against the war than the members of the old Mennonite communities, because my religious principles are based on the gospels of the Lord, which are teaching us to keep the Commandments and to love our Brethern and do to everybody the same as we wish them to do to us.

I am very glad to hear that you people in Ont. have reached the full liberty of being exempt from all Military Services. If you meet occasionally some of the John & Jons Reimers and Wightmans and John Hoobers children, please give them my best regards.

Your brother in the Lord,

*Klaas Peters*

P.S. I am not living anny more at Gretna <sup>man.</sup>  
but are living now at Waldeck  
Sask.

*K.P.*

Vineland Ont., February 20, 1918.

To The Prime Minister,  
The Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden,  
House of Parliament,  
Ottawa.

Honourable Sir:-

The most gracious consideration which has always characterized the Government of Canada in its attitude towards its population whose tenets of faith prohibit their taking part in any form of military service either in time of peace or war, and which similar spirit has characterized the present Government during these exceptional times and under the exceptional measures enacted for the present stress of times, has appealed to the hearts of many whose religious interests have been thus guarded. They express their most profound gratitude for such favors, and desire to manifest in one practical manner their thankfulness for the enjoyment of the priceless benefits of religious liberty.

With this in view, a number of the non-resistant bodies of Canada have jointly undertaken, by forming themselves into an organization known as "THE NON-RESISTANT RELIEF ORGANIZATION," to show their gratitude to the Government and their interest in the welfare of their fellow-citizens, as well as to share the burden of suffering humanity throught the world. The manner and purpose of the organization, as stated in a resolution, is as follows:-

"Whereas, We, as Mennonites and Tunkers, whose tenets of faith forbid  
"engaging in any form of military service in time of peace or war, are de-  
"terminous to help in bearing the burdens occasioned by the war conditions,  
"Therefore, Resolved, That We, The Non-Resistant Relief Organization,  
"recommend that a generous fund be raised among the Churches interested  
"which shall be donated to the Government as a memorial of appreciation for  
"the privilege of religious liberty and our freedom from military service  
"in any form, which fund shall be used for relief and charitable purposes  
"only."

"We further recommend that we encourage a continued support of relief  
"and charitable work during the continuance of the war and so long there-  
"after as may be deemed advisable by this Organization."

We trust, Sir Robert, that this movement may meet with your approval and that of your Government, and that the following solicitation and request may be taken into your serious consideration:- That, a Committee having been appointed to interview the Government with regard to the work of the Organization, the undersigned, Secretary of the Committee, has been instructed to communicate with the Government or its <sup>proper</sup> representatives with the object of receiving suggestions or learning the proper channels by which or thru which the objects and purposes of this Organization may be carried into effect according to the tenets of faith of the religious bodies which it represents, and we shall await your pleasure and bidding.

I am,

Honourable Sir,

Yours most respectfully and humbly.

*Draft of letter sent to Chairman  
for approval and to be forwarded.*

S. F. Coffman  
Secretary.

## To The Various Branches Of The Mennonite, and Tunker Churches in Canada

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these"

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The Non-Resistant Relief Organization was formed in the Month of January, 1918, having for its object the raising of a MEMORIAL FUND, to present to the Government of Canada in recognition of our religious liberty, and for the purpose of relief work made necessary by the present war conditions. The fund is to be used by the Government in whatever way may be found necessary while at the same time using it in harmony with the faith and practice of the religious bodies constituting this organization.

The objects of the organization have considerably delayed on account of uncertainties which obtained relative to the legal status of the churches represented in this movement, under the Military Service Act of 1917, and the Order in Council of April 20th, 1918.

After considerable enquiry and effort these uncertainties have in a large measure been cleared up, and with gratitude to our God, and grateful appreciation to the Government of Canada, we rejoice to be able to say, that we, as a Non-resistant people, shall be permitted the continuance of the privilege of honoring God, and His Gospel principles, and our personal convictions, by being relieved of the duty of taking up arms, and engaging in military service.

While many of our people have been sharing in the works of charity and relief of suffering, giving generously of their labor and means, as far as consistent with their peace-loving principles, the movement in connection with this organization is a special effort, and affords a favorable opportunity to do more work along the same lines, and to share more fully in the privations and burdens of our fellow citizens, and to support the charitable work of the Government.

The Government of Canada has been earnestly solicited to devise for us some plan by which such a donation could be expended for the benefit of the worthy poor, either at home or abroad who are in actual need of relief (preferably widows and orphans) and who are not pledged to support, as war dependants.

In view of the foregoing facts, this letter comes as an earnest appeal to every member of the churches forming this organization. for a generous financial contribution, in the name of Him whose word says, "But to communicate, and to do good forget not, for with such sacrifice the Lord is well pleased". We should show in a very practical manner, that while we as a people are averse to the bearing of arms, or engaging in carnal warfare in any form, we nevertheless are not a selfish, and unsympathetic people in the matter of our duty towards suffering humanity, fulfilling such duties in harmony with the principles which we profess and by which we live.

We therefore bespeak for all of our people, a large heartedness, and a liberal response to this most worthy cause.

The methods of raising this fund will be left to the choice of each individual congregation, or district, but care should be taken that any method chosen is in full keeping with the principles and practices of those churches, and that it may be done in as private a manner as possible.

Formulated by—D. W. Heise, S. F. Coffman

Approved by—S. Goudie

Executive Committee— I. J. Burkholder, S. Goudie, D. W. Heise, Thos. Reesor, C. Gasho.

P. S.—All contributons should be forwarded to Eld. Thomas Reesor, Treasurer, R. R. No. 2., Pickering, Ont.

LEVI MUMAW, Secretary,  
Scottdale, Pa.

ELI G. REIST, Vice President,  
Mt. Joy, Pa.

G. L. BENDER, Treasurer,  
Elkhart, Ind.

## Mennonite Relief Commission for War Sufferers

AARON LOUCKS, President

*L. J. Benscholder  
Marshall, Ont.*

Scottdale, Pa. Dec. 28, 1918.

Dear Brother:- Greetings.

On account of the meeting at Elida, Ohio being called off indefinitely and after consulting a number of brethren relative to the plans for Relief work for the future, it was urged that an Executive Committee Meeting of the Mennonite Relief Commission be called at an early date.

A number of brethren feel that the situation in the Near East on account of war conditions is such that we ought to plan for some definite Relief work as speedily as possible. We have, therefore, decided to call an Executive Committee meeting conjointly with the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities at Lancaster, Pa., Saturday, January 4, 1919, and have invited a few other brethren to be present to council with us in this work; expecting that there will be a general meeting of the Relief Commission held at some later date.

The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief are planning to take two or three hundred people on a transport laden with food, clothing, machinery, etc. for the rehabilitation of districts in Armenia, Syria and Turkey. Both Department of State as well as the American Committee invite us to accompany them on that expedition, without in any way connecting with them in anything else than giving relief.

Trusting that you can be present with us in this meeting, I am

Fraternally yours,

*Aaron Loucks  
Pres*

Dear Brother S. J. - I think it would  
be well for your committee to meet and consider  
representation at this meeting. It may help  
materially in our future work with other  
non-Resistant bodies in relief work.

S. F. Coffman

Enclosed also sent to  
Thos. Reiser and  
Paul W. Heuse, with a note recommending  
return. S.F.C.

Relief Commission for War Sufferers

AARON LOUCKS, President

Scottdale, Pa.

1918

ELL G. REISER, Vice President,  
Mt. Joy, Pa.

G. I. REUBEN, Treasurer,  
Elkhart, Ind.

*Dear Mr. Coffman,*  
I have just been  
informed that you can be present with us in this meeting. I am  
very glad to hear of this. I hope you will be able to attend.  
I am, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
A. J. [unclear]

Elkhart Indiana.  
 Vineland Jan 2, 1919.

L. J. Burkholder  
 Markham Ont.

Dear Brother, Greeting.

Your two letters were forwarded to me at this place. Was glad to hear from you and glad for the good report concerning the contributions to the relief fund. But I am sorry that our congregation has been slow in forwarding their share of the fund. We were rather unfortunate in our committee. A couple of the brethren have been very closely occupied with personal business matters and the third member was unfortunate in meeting with an accident and later with sickness in his home that has kept him from doing any of the committee's work. I believe however that you will shortly receive the contribution from our section.

Regarding the objects of relief to which this fund may be applied, I think that they have already been enumerated. All funds that have been donated for special objects will be already assigned, and the same objects might be taken into consideration as far as the balance of the fund is concerned.

The Belgian Relief Organization takes care of the Belgian districts for relief and reconstruction. The French Relief work is carried on by the French Organization which has branches in Canada and United States. The Relief and Reconstruction work of the Friends Association is active in both Belgium and France. There are agencies that receive and forward relief for the Armenians & Syrian districts, both for relief and for rehabilitating the people. County.

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The work in Armenia and Syria is one of the special objects of the meeting to be held in Lancaster Pa the latter part of this week, in order to consider the plan of sending a representative of our people of non-remittant faith to that country to direct the expenditure of our funds & relief given by our people. Support for this work could be given later on after the plans have been made.

I hope this will be satisfactory. The Lord willing I expect to go to Chicago tomorrow and will start for Kitchener on Monday so as to be ready for the work there on Tuesday morning.

Yours in faith,

J. H. Coffman

N. K. Relief Fund - Treas. account -  
 Annish branch.

1918

Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Gerber Baden Grove Cong.	163.26
" 7	Daniel Zehr	32.36
" 13.	Chris. Gasho, Baden	240.00
Oct. 24.	Jae. R. Bender Taristock Am.	510.00
Nov. 15.	Chris. Gasho. Baden. Wilmet Cong	5.040.00
" 16.	Jae. R. Bender. G. M. Taristock	4.017.25
" 20	Chris. Gasho. Baden. Willesly	3.512.00
" 20	" " " Wilmet	104.50
" 21.	Joseph Raffziger Wilmet	4.732.00
" 23	Daniel B. Zehr. Poole Cong.	2.585.00
" 25.	Wagler & Schultz, Baden Grove Cong (Willesly)	4.814.00
" 26.	Jacob L. Wagler, Raffziger Cong	60.00
Dec. 2.	Jno. P. Schultz. Willesly	55.00
" 4.	Jae. R. Bender, Taristock	30.00
" 5.	Sam Wagler Baden Grove Cong.	15.00
" 13.	Chris. Gasho. Baden. Wilmet.	117.00
Dec. 25.	Daniel Libold Willesly	100.00
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M. H. H. Fund. Treas. Account.

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1918

Oct 30. D. W. Heise 490.00

Nov. 14 " " 747.77

" 22 S. W. Heise 451.29

Dec. 12. Carl M. Sider 482.00

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Jan 7. D. W. Heise

582.00  

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## N. A. Reay Fund. Treas. account.

1918

Nov. 14.	Freeman Ritterhaus	458.00
Dec. 13	Abraham S Culp Virginia	100.00
" 25	Henry Sheek.	30.00
	Esther Reiser	10.00
	Annie Reiser	10.00
	Benj Diller	100.00
	Mary Ramer	100.00
	Elisabeth Reiser	15.00
	Bertha Reiser	10.00
	Keturah Dudge	10.00
	Matha Reiser	7.00
	Norris Dudge	25.00
	Leri Dudge	25.00
	M. Burkholder	25.00
	M. Ramer	100.00
	D. Ramer	150.00
	Emma R. Ramer	50.00
	Marj. Grae	25.00
	D. Grae	50.00
	L. S. Wideman	100.00

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## N. R. Relief Fund.

J. & Wideman	100.00
Liri Grove	100.00
Ed. Meyer	10.00
J. H. Grove	100.00
J. Reesa	50.00
M. S. Reesa	50.00
Zilman Reesa	100.00
S. Houser	50.00
A. B. Schwan	30.00
Jacob. Smith	70.00
Jno H. B. Ramey	100.00
Martin Barber	100.00
Thos. Reesa	100.00
Nighswander	50.00
J. Dredge	25.00
C. Gayman	25.00
Jno. Smith	50.00
Mrs. Fanny Reesa	25.00
Flora H. Reesa	100.00
H. C. Reesa	50.00
J. & Hoover	10.00

M. B. Bily Fund, Treas. account.

Mennonite

1918

Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	M. C. Cressman, M. & G. M.	410.67
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Schmidt - Baden (Shanty)	835.15
" 17 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Good 3 + Jacobs	438.66
" 26	Eph. Weber, Flradels Cong.	940.00
" 24	David Berger New Dundee	590.00
" 24	Chris. Schrag, Zurich,	261.25
" 29	Gideon Bachtel, Latschan,	355.00
" 29	Eros Cressman, Bean & Seize	876.00
" 29	M. R. Frety	100.00 ✓
Later	"	610.00
Nov. 2	"	100.00 ✓
" 4	"	120.00 ✓
" 9	"	470.00 ✓
" 18	Charter Buschard - Buslow	577.07
" 16	M. R. Frety	165.00 ✓
" 27	David Berger (Palmer, Blenheim & Detwale)	500.00
Dec. 5	Nelson Bechtel, Warner,	545.00
" 14	Jacob Schmidt - Shanty.	105.00
" 16	G. Bachtel, Latschan	1,977.03
" 18	Eros Cressman, Seize & Bean	590.00
" 19	Blenheim	55.00
" 21 <sup>st</sup>	Weber Cong	905.00
"	Hager	288.00

Jose Martin Snyder ch. \$270.00  
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 610  
 270  
 \$12,483.82

N. R. Relief Fund. Treas. account.

M. B. C. Church.

1918

Dec. 14.	F. J. Lehman	403.40
" 14.	C. N. Good	109.50
" 26.	S. Gordie	490.50
" 23	Lincoln Hoover	247.00
	C. N. Good	99.75
" " "		157.51
	S. S. Hallman	295.00
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January 10, 1919.

Dear Friend:

The American Friends Service Committee has very much appreciated the moral and financial support of the Mennonite Church. Realizing the vital issues at stake and the importance of even closer co-operation between our two religious denominations, arrangements have been made for a number of your prominent men to become associate members of our Committee, and increased publicity is being given concerning your support in the work of reconstructing the homes and hearts of the civilian population of France and elsewhere.

There has never during the centuries of the existence of our two organizations been such an opportunity for us to show to the world, and particularly to our military critics, the absolute sincerity of our position, for while our young men generally in military camps and those of us who are older have not been able to support the military program of the government, having always been opposed to war, we are willing and glad to engage in the constructive peace work which has opened to us. Much of the effort of our organization abroad in months past has been spent in evacuating civilians from the bombarded villages and in the immediate relief of dire distress of many kinds; that was an all important service.

The war has closed, for which we are profoundly thankful. With this changed condition comes new opportunities for service. The efficiency of our workers abroad has been well established; one result of this has been the request by French authorities for us to rebuild forty-four villages, embracing twenty-five hundred families, etc., in the district west of Verdun. This region was perhaps the most devastated of any portion of France. Our people abroad having faith in their sympathizers in the homeland have accepted this great work. Will we see it through to a successful finish?



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This is by no means the only responsibility we shall undertake, though the Verdun project when complete will of itself be a lasting memorial to a class of Christian people who possess a non-resistant conscience. Naturally it is going to require increased contributions in money to accomplish the work only partly outlined. Then, too, there is need of volunteers for the service, for the military pressure having been withdrawn, the supply of conscientious objectors from camps who have composed an important part of the force of our 500 or more workers in France, Russia, etc., will be exhausted in the near future. It will be of interest to know that the office expenses in conducting this relief work have been but three and one half per cent of the amount contributed. It is purely a labor of love and we may well say that the money is loaned to the Lord.

It seems to us that we should not settle down easily to our pre-war condition, while civilian Europe is suffering so much from the ravages of the war.

One of the young men who has been working in France under our Unit for more than a year, stated recently on writing home, "I think the C. O.'s time is coming now; I feel my duty in this war is just beginning, and that my place is right here where I am for some time to come."

It will rest with us who are leaders among our people to press the matter of contributions energetically, for the permanent work to be accomplished is only fairly begun: may we ask thy help and sympathy in even increasing the service abroad?

We will be glad to send our bulletins to assist in spreading the message, and one or more of our secretaries will gladly endeavor to arrange to speak to your assemblies if requested, without cost to you.

Soliciting correspondence in regard to the whole subject,

Very sincerely,

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Dear Bro. Huse, I received this circular today. Am sending it to you with the request that it may be returned to me. It came to me unsolicited. I have today addressed the Friends office in Philadelphia for further information. As our Secretary I think you would do well to take up official correspondence for the Non-Resistant Relief Organization. Your brother,  
L J Burkholder

Markham, Ont. Jan. 11th. 1919.

American Friends Service Committee,  
20 South Twelfth Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Friends:-

Your circular letter of the 10th. inst. to hand. It is with pleasure that I note the progress of your work in the devastated areas of Europe. I have longed for a closer co-operation between the Society of Friends and our Mennonite Church. This evidently gives an opportunity.

Have you a Canadian Agency? Could we in Canada send a gift direct to your office in France? Kindly send some bulletins.

Sincerely,

L. J. Burkholder.



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 15TH AND CHERRY STS., PHILADELPHIA

January 16, 1919.

L. J. Burkholder,  
 Markham, Ontario,  
 Canada.

Dear Friend:-

We are very glad to know of your great interest in the relief work. We have been trying for four years, at first through the English Friends and then by our own workers, to give some message to the stricken countries of Europe. In this we need the help and cooperation of all who sympathize with our particular message to the world.

The Friends and the Mennonites are very close together in spite of their differences. In belief they have much in common. Certainly in this effort against war we should all stand shoulder to shoulder.

We do not have a Canadian agency of our Society though we have Friends in Canada, especially in Ontario. We have meetings at Toronto and at Newmarket. This Service Committee has only one American office. We should be very glad to have you send any contributions you might wish to make to this office here. Checks can be made out to the American Friends Service Committee, and proper receipt will be sent upon their receipt. The American and English Friends have only one account, and no matter where money is sent it all gets into the same work.

We believe that this organization offers the best opportunity to be of real service. With appreciation of your interest in the work, I am

Yours Sincerely,

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

*Wilbur K. Thomas*

Executive Secretary.

WKT:J

Markham, Ont. Jan. 20th. 1919.

American Friends Service Committee,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Friend:-

Yours of the 16th inst. to hand and noted. I may say that the Mennonites and Tunkers of Ontario have raised a Memorial Fund in recognition of the religious liberty which we have enjoyed at the hands of the Canadian Government. We are asking the Honourable Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, to act as our agent and place this money into the hands of Relief organizations operating in the war stricken areas. We feel that it would more consistent with our purpose to have this go direct to the needy fields, or at least through an English channel, rather than to pass it through an American office. I trust that you will be able to appreciate our position.

If you will kindly let me have the address of your English office or the Verdun office I shall be much obliged.

I would also be glad to know the names of some of your leaders both at Toronto and Newmarket since we are not so far from either of these places.

Perhaps you have already had some communication from the Sec'y of our Non-Resistant Relief Organization, bro. D.W. Heise.

Scottsdale, Pa., 1/27/19.

My dear Canadian Brethren, Greeting:

I am writing this form letter to five of you in different parts for information. Wish that you would each answer as to how it affected parts of the country of which you know.

In the book that we are writing we are discussing the result of our boys in the disciplinary barracks, the guard houses, and in camps when they could not conscientiously do any work, and at the same time there was such a need for men on the farms. It contains the sentences, "It is argued that this problem could never be solved on any such basis, but Canada solved it, and that without any of the young men belonging to nonresistant churches spending any time in places where they would do no one any good. These same young men, at least in a measure solved Canada's food problem."

Are the references to Canada true? Were there any mob violence in which Mennonites suffered because their boys did not need to go to war? Did Mennonite boys help their neighbors whose boys were in the war, or would the neighbors not have them?

Thanking you in advance for any information which you can give to make the work both reliable and useful, I am,

your brother,

J. S. Hartzler.



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January 30, 1919.

L. J. Burkholder,  
 Markham, Ont., Can.

Dear Friend:

We are very glad to know of your continued interest in the Service Committee work. One of our boys in France has just written: "There never was a time when the opportunity was greater or men scarcer." We feel that this is the most opportune time to carry our message to the suffering ones in Europe.

I note also what you say in regard to sending money for the relief work. We are very glad to have you forward it directly to our Paris Office. If you will make your checks payable to Charles J. Rhoads, 2 Place de Rivoli, Paris, France, he will gladly receipt for same and the accounts will appear on our books here in America as contributions from the Mennonites and Dunkards, as well. It seems to me that this would be the best arrangement for you. The address of our London Committee in Paris is: Friends War Victims Relief Committee, 53 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, France. I would suggest that if you do not care to send it here to Philadelphia to be forwarded that you send it directly to Charles J. Rhoads' address as above.

Our most prominent worker in Canada is Albert S. Rogers, Imperial Oil Building, Toronto, Canada. He will be able to tell you the addresses of other people who might be nearer to you. He is a splendid Christian man and one that you would enjoy knowing.

We will gladly furnish you any material or information you may need to acquaint your people with the

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needs of the field. We have a number of pamphlets describing the work and are just issuing a new pamphlet on the Verdun Project. This will call for all the men and the money that we can possibly get. We will gladly send you any of this literature free of charge if you can use it.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,  
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

By

*Wilbur K. Thomas*  
Executive Secretary.

WKT/FMH

Markham, Ont. Feb. 5th. 1919.

J. S. Hartzler,  
Scottdale, Pa.

Dear brother,

Greeting:- Yours of the 27th. ult. to hand and noted. I may say that brother S.F. Coffman is secretary of the special committee, appointed by The Non-Resistant Organization, to represent the Mennonites and Tunkers before the government and safeguard our interests. He, therefore, is in a better position than anyone else to enlighten you on the points in question.

By the provisions of the "Military Service Act of 1917" our people were given no exemption except from combatant service. When, therefore, the proclamation was issued calling up any certain class of men our boys in that class were also "deemed soldiers on leave of absence without pay". Our cause, apparently, failed and we had no relief through the Department of Justice by statute.

Under these conditions, when our men were ordered to report for duty and they refused to put on the uniforms they were detained, tried, and in a few cases sentenced to military prisons. The greater number of our men were able to secure exemption as, for a limited time, as farmers.

At this juncture we were able to have effected an understanding with the Department of Militia by which our men, when called would be given an indefinite leave of absence. This last statement, brother Hartzler, is absolutely not for publication.

After this when a man was called he reported in person took his medical examination, was posted in a "Company" and given his regimental number. Then, after his claim as a Mennonite or Tunker, was established the Officer Commanding granted a leave of absence. Usually he was required to report by letter quarterly. While we did not like to have our brethren called soldiers yet the plan gave fair results except in a few cases where the caprice of a subaltern made things unpleasant for some of the boys.

For your purpose I think it would be sufficient to say that our men were allowed to go back to their work.

I know of no mob violence because of these conditions. Our boys did help the neighbors when they were not needed at home and the neighbors were glad to have them.

One brother in this county was held in camp over four months but he was a little late in coming into the church and I think a little error in answering on his part will account for it.

Fraternally,



Markham, Ont. Feb. 12th. 1919.

David Heise,  
Gormley, Ont.

Dear brother,

Greetings:- I am sending you herewith a copy of an old document which was found among the books of the late Bishop Christian Reesor, father of brother Thomas. I thought you would be glad to have a copy. It is not vital to us at this time yet rather interesting.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. Feb. 12th. 1919.

Christian Gascho,  
Baden, Ont.

Dear brother,

Greeting:- I am sending you herewith a copy of an old document which was found among the books of the late bishop Christian Reesor, the father of bro. Thomas Reesor. Brother Thomas thought it might be well to make a few copies. I think you will be glad to have one. I trust this may find you all well and happy in the Saviour. I have been sick with the grip but am better again. Was in bed only four days and was not bad at any time. Wife and Luella are as well as usual.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. Feb. 12th. 1919.

S. Goudie,

Stouffville, Ont.

Dear brother,

Greeting:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of an old document which was found among the books of the late Bishop Christian Reesor, father of brother Thomas. While it is not of vital importance at present yet it is interesting.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. Feb. 12th. 1919.

S.F. Coffman,  
Vineland, Ont.  
Dear brother,

Greeting:- Brother Thomas Reesor left with me a copy of an old document which was found by Mrs. Ezra Martin among their father's books. Brother Noah Bearringer had copies printed and they sent Thomas two. He asked that I make a few additional copies and supply you with one. I wish we knew what amount of money was raised and also to what objects the Assembly applied it.

I had a letter from you some time ago and I presume bro. Heise has replied. I hope by this time you have also seen Mr. Scott. If Messrs Welchel and Scott think our purpose will be served by turning the funds to the Relief organizations direct, well, otherwise I should urge that the Govt. be begged to become our agent.

As regards the proposed abrogation of all exemptions by a uniform militia law I think we all should all watch and pray, I mean watch the papers and pray to God, yet the N.R.R. Organization has authorized you to represent us before Government and its representatives. I think you will remember that this was decided by the Executive of the N.R.R.O. some time last summer.

I have been in bed for about four days with the grip but am nearly well again. Otherwise we are well as usual. May this find you all splendid.

Your brother,

Gormley, Feb, 26 th, 1919

Beloved Brother.

As a member of the Executive of the Non-resistant Relief Organization, you are hereby advised that Resolution ( B ) Minutes of last Executive Meeting, has failed by virtue of the absence of Sir Robert Borden from Canada at present, which absence may continue for some time to come.

And in view of the urgent need of "Food, Clothing, and other necessities" on the part of the thousands of war sufferers.

The Chairman, Bro L. J. Burkholder and myself have concluded that immediate independent action, as per resolution ( C ) of last meeting should be taken.

Especially so from the fact that inquiries have been made by personal interviews, as well as somewhat extensive correspondence as to the purposes, and objects of the various Institutions, and Organizations to whom appropriations were made at the last meeting of our Executive, as per resolution ( A ), and so far as we are able to judge, after having gone carefully into the whole matter, there does not seem to be any good reason why the funds of this organization should not be turned over to the various interests for which they were donated by our people, so they may be of immediate service.

We might state further, that all of these organizations are working along lines which appear to be absolutely free from militarism, or political influence, and we believe conform to the principles for which we stand.

We, therefore appeal to you ~~for~~ as a member of the Executive, as to whether you are in favor of having our Treasurer issue his cheques for the amounts designated in the resolution of last meeting, and turn them over to the proper officials of the various institutions, and organizations, without any further formality on our part.

In the event of the members of the Executive being unanimous on this point, this course will be taken without further delay.

If desired, the Secretaries of the various organizations might be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the amounts, both to our treasurer, and also to the Premier, or acting Premier of Canada, as thought best.

Kindly let me have your immediate answer to the questions implied in this communication.

" The poor ye have with you always, and when ye will, ye may do them good".

YOURS FOR SERVICE.

D. W. Heise Secy.

New Hamburg Mar 3 1919

Bro L G Burckholder

Dear Bro Greeting in Jesus Worthy  
 Name. We have great reason to praise  
 the Lord for permitting us to live in a  
 land of plenty both for body and soul  
 I have a question I would like to ask, does  
 Bro Thomas Reisser not send his report to  
 the Gospel Herald of the money he receives  
 for war relief is he our treasurer for  
 palestine and other places of war stricken  
 countrys if so I should think there should be  
 a better way of bringing receipts back to the  
 Church who is the giver if moved by God's  
 spirit they have a right to know I would  
 think the Herald was the best way. Calls  
 come from the Bre in America and we not  
 responding this looks not good. A offering is  
 announced for next sunday, the call came from  
 Bro Anrha if I am not mistaken and orders  
 the sunday school to send it to G. L. Bender  
 I would like to hear from you at once whether all  
 war relief offerings are to go to Reisser and could  
 he not send it to our printing House so everybody  
 could see. I think respond would be a little better  
 if the Herald would bring returns. over

I am asking for an explanation on the  
sending, and am making a suggestion  
for receipts to be printed so far we have  
no way of seeing or knowing what Canada  
Bre are doing. All well praise God

Yours for His cause

Osias Cressman

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# Belgian Relief Fund

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TREASURER OF MAINTENANCE FUND  
MISS LIZARS, RECORDER OF SUPPLIES

March 5. 1919.

The Ontario Branch of the Belgian Relief Fund, 95 King Street, W.  
will close March 31st, 1919.

The work hitherto performed by War Relief Organizations will be  
undertaken by the Belgian Government.

Clothing, materials and money will be gratefully received at the  
above address and forwarded till the end of March.

The Committee of the Ontario Branch desires to express sincere  
appreciation for the splendid support received from sub-Committees,  
Organizations and the public generally.

Markham, Ont. Mar. 7, 1919

Oslas Cressman,  
New Hamburg, Ont.

Dear brother,

Greeting:- Your letter of the 3rd. inst.

to hand and noted. Brother Thomas Reesor Treasurer of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization does not report the contributions he receives to the Gospel Herald. If he did so he would also need to report to the papers of the Tunkers, Mennonite Brethren in Christ and the Wisler since they all have church papers and contribute to the same funds. Brother Reesor aims to acknowledge every contribution by

sending a receipt to the sender. If he has failed in this it is simply an oversight and the sender should kindly remind him of it.

It is the purpose of this Relief Organization to issue a statement of the receipts and disbursements to all the congregations of the different branches of Mennonites and Tunkers so soon as the work is a little nearer completed. We think it should not be very far in the future. Brother Reesor asked me to go over his books with him a little while ago and auditors have been appointed. His books are in good condition.

So far as I know he has not been receiving moneys for the Armenia work but any funds placed in his hands for that work would be forwarded to brother G.L. Bender if so requested. I think since brother Mumaw has made a plea it might be as well to send the money direct to brother Bender.

Our Relief organization has already appropriated several thousand dollars to general relief work in Armenia but this may not ~~we~~ come into the hands of our brethren who have lately gone there since they have just gone.

I trust the above may be satisfactory to you brother Oslas. I shall be glad to give any further explanations if desired. May we continue to pray for the multitudes who are in great need. We are always glad to hear from you. May this find you all well as it leaves us.

Fraternally,



J. J. Burkholder

Vineland Ont., March 19th, 1919.

Brethren:-

After sending to certain members of the Government a copy of the Statement Concerning the Non-Resistant People in America, an acknowledgement was received from the Honourable Arthur Meighen, Acting Minister of Justice, and from Honourable F. S. Scott.

A letter received from Bro. N. M. Bearinger, Elmira, states that he has had a recent interview with Mr. Weichel, of Waterloo, and that Mr. Weichel and Mr. Scott have had a long talk over the matter of our presenting the Memorial Donation to the Government. Their opinion is, that the return of the Premier, Sir Robert Borden being at some indefinite date, and the present conditions regarding legislation that might effect our status are somewhat in the focus of public opinion, and legislation imminent, our Organization should proceed with the distribution of the funds according to the resolution of the Committee at their recent meeting, and a statement prepared by them regarding the disposition of the funds which will be handed to the members of the Government responsible who shall acknowledge the same. In this manner the Government would recognize the gift of our people and the object for which it was given. Mr. Weichel has consented to hand the Statement to the Government at the most opportune time.

This suggestion from both Mr. Weichel, and Hon. Mr. Scott is in accord with their suggestions previously given to your secretary, in view of the absence of the Premier.

It is said that the new Franchise Bill is in course of preparation and that our Committee should have their report in the hands of the members interested so that our claims could be substantiated. We should make it clear that we are not giving this fund to the suffering ones on account of courtng the favor of the Government. What we do is out of gratitude for what we have recieved, as well as out of sympathy for the suffering, and this spirit has been the characteristic of our people in the past. But if there are those who enquire of us, we should be ready to give to them the evidence of our works.

It will be the duty of the Executive Committee to take whatever action they deem advisable under the present circumstances.

Yours in faith,

A. Coffman

Mr. Meighen, being Acting Minister of Justice, has undoubtedly the work of preparing the new Franchise Bill. In his acknowledgement he thanked me for the information concerning the Mennonites. Evidently, he will take our case into consideration in framing the bill.

Wineland Ont., March 1, 1919.

Brethren of the Committee to the  
Government.

*L. J. Burkholder.*

Dear Brother:- Greeting.

You will find enclosed a copy of a statement concerning the position of our non-resistant people during their history in Europe as well as in America. It seemed well to prepare this statement in order to give to those members of Parliament who have been interested in our cause a brief historical review of our people. We have aimed to show the attitude of the Government toward our faith, and what our people have suffered in the past; also to show the toleration of our faith that has been recognized as just even in the most intolerant ages of religious privileges.

Having had some conversation with those members of the Government who have represented us, we have received the advice that it is best <sup>not to</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that I</sup> agitate these matters more than is necessary, since there is no definite programme before the Government as to the dealing with the question of our franchise or of revoking the privileges of exemption. If any of these questions come before the Government we will be satisfied so that we will be given a hearing.

It is certain that we are not so much concerned regarding the franchise as we are concerning the continuance of our freedom from military service. Let us pray that we may be able to live true to our faith. It is certain that we will be true to the powers that rule over us whether we will be given a voice in such matters or not.

Yours in faith,

*L. J. Burkholder*

## STATEMENT CONCERNING MENNONITES IN CANADA.

1. The faith of the Non-Resistant people, while in existence for many years previous, was printed in the form of a Confession as early as 1527, among the Mennonites in Holland and Flanders.
2. The Mennonites in Holland endured persecutions as religious reformers with other independent religious bodies until the time of general religious liberties granted in 1571-1583. Military exemption was especially granted them in Holland in 1626, and continued under various modified conditions from that date.
3. The Mennonites and Amish in Switzerland suffered extreme persecution owing to the reformed nature of their faith, and were subjected to especial hardships on account of their non-resistant belief and practice, being under the sentence of banishment, their property confiscated, being sold as gally slaves, and denied any privileges of citizenship. Under a special appeal from the States General of Holland the authorities of Switzerland relented in part toward these people, and about the middle of the eighteenth Century granted them toleration.
4. 4. Moravia afforded a temporary asylum and relief from the persecutions of the non-resistant people from Switzerland and Western Europe, but also became intolerant of that one article of their faith which did not permit them to take up arms during those turbulent times among the nations.
5. The Treaty of Westphalia, 1640, by which religious liberty was to have been guaranteed, did not stop the persecution of the non-resistant people
6. Alsace, Lorraine, and the districts of the Rhine were the homes of many of the non-resistant people. They afforded some degree of relief from persecution at times. During the eighteenth century and earlier these people were persecuted particularly on account of their belief that bearing arms was unscriptural. Their property was confiscated, they were taxed, their worship was restricted, and they were banished. Holland and America afforded them an asylum during these years.
7. As early as 1710 Prussia invited these persecuted people to settle in that country, with religious liberty. In 1773 freedom from military service, the right to educate their own children, the right to own property and to engage in business was especially granted them. With the change of conditions and of rulers these privileges were annulled and persecutions followed and migration into Russia resulted.
8. The Non-Resistant people of Prussia and of Western Europe were invited to settle in the South of Russia by Catharine in 1786, with the promise of greater freedom from military service. These privileges were continued to them until withdrawn by Alexander II, 1870-74. He limited their service to hospital, railway and forestry duties, which, in spirit, were distasteful to their interpretation of the non-resistant faith which they believed forbid all alliance with military duties. This denial of their privileges resulted in their migration to Canada and United States.
9. The Non-resistant people of Holland and the Rhine provinces were visited by William Penn and his agents and invited to settle in his American colony. The Mennonites, Amish and Tunkers accepted his invitation. The first of these colonists arrived in Pennsylvania in 1683. They were granted complete exemption from military service, permitted to hold land conduct their own schools, hold religious services and given the rights of citizenship.

## STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NON-RESISTANT PEOPLE.-2.

10. In the united States, during the War of the Revolution and the War of the Rebellion, the Mennonites, Amish and Tunkers held steadfastly to their faith and bore the penalties, which, in some cases, were laid upon them, and were grateful for the tolerance which the Government was pleased to afford them when their faith and practice was understood.
11. The first Mennonite settlement in Canada was made in 1786 in Lincoln County Ontario. The first settlement in Waterloo Cuntty was begun in 1800. The settlement in York County was made in 1803. Along with these people came the Amish and Tunkers at different dates.
12. The privileges of the faith of the Quakers, Mennonites and Tunkers have been legally recognized by the Government of Canada since the year 1808, excepting by an Act of 1846 which was repealed in 1849. The payment of a special exemption tax was obligatory until the year 1855. Since the latter date total exemption from military service has been continuously granted until 1917, a time of war.
13. The Russian Mennonites came into Canada in 1873. Under a specail Order-in-Council granting military exemption, special school privilges and full citizenship. Thier military exemption was based on the existing statutes regarding exemption for conscientious reasons.
14. ~~IX~~. The Mennonites of America have always been supporters of the Public Schools in the United States and in Canada. They have afew advanced s schools and colleges which are supported solely by the Church, and they are located in the United States. The Russian Mennonites have among them their private schools. They have no "Separate Schools" among them. Many of the Congregations of the Russian Mennonites support and attend the Public Schools. Many of their private schools are conducted according to the Government Standards.
15. The Russian Mennonites have two adva nced schhools in the West, in which all of the Standard branches are taught in the english language, preparatory to fitting teachers for their privqte schools and to maintain them according to Government standards. Some of the congregations oppose the teaching of English purely from religious motives, since their religious literature is entirely in the German language<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>
16. While some of the Ontario congregations maintain their worship in the german language it is due to the fact that their religious education and literature is in that language. They have no schools in which they give instructions in that language.
17. The people in Canada who are of the non-resistant faith have responded to appeals for the relief of suffering. They are contributing their support to the relief of suffering and reconstruction in the devastated districts of Europe and Asia, and will continue this support. They are highly appreciative of the past and present attitude of the Government of Canada toward them, and are loyal to the land that has been generous to every phase of the Christian faith.

Markham, Ont. Mar. 21. 1919.

S. F. Coffman,

Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother,

Greeting:- Yours of the 19th. inst. to hand and noted. The Executive Committee of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization has agreed to distribute the Memorial Fund as per recent resolution. This decision was delayed in awaiting the approval of brother Reesor. Yesterday he consented to this action even tho Sir Robert Borden is absent. If present plans carry the Treasurer and Secretary will go to Toronto on Monday next and place the money.

A memorandum will then be made and placed into the hands of the proper Government representatives. A statement will then be issued to the Churches by the Treasurer that the members may know what has been done. After this the Executive will call a meeting of the whole organization for the purpose of closing up the business and disorganizing or reorganizing and taking steps to perpetuating the work.

Because of weather and other conditions I could not discuss, with the other brethren last Sunday, the question of a contribution to Board of Education for its running expenacs. I hope to attend to it in a few days.

Yours in Him,

Markham, Ont. May 6. 1919.

S.F. Coffman,  
Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting :-

A press despatch in the Globe dated May 1. states that an order in council was passed and that until further notice the immigration of Doukhobors, Hutterites and Mennonites is prohibited.

The order recites that "owing to conditions prevailing as a result of the war, a wide-spread feeling exists throughout the Dominion, and more particularly in Western Canada, that steps should be taken to prevent the entry into Canada of all persons who may be regarded as undesirable because owing to their peculiar customs, habits, modes of living and methods of holding property, they are not likely to become readily assimilated, or to assume the duties and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship within a reasonable time".

The order adds that numerous representations have been received that Doukhobors, Hutterites and Mennonites are of this class and character.

Thinking the above may have escaped your notice I felt like calling your attention to it. I am also enclosing a letter from brother Rosenberger which gives a little light as to the feeling which has grown against us.

Are You keeping in touch with our representatives at Ottawa ? I hope nothing drastic will be done at Ottawa which will affect our status without our having a chance to speak. Keep after it and we will continue to pray for our Master's cause.

The cut in my lip has nicely healed but a fractured rib and a sprained wrist are constant reminders of my fall. We trust you are all well.

Your brother,