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S. J. Bunkhalder
Marquette Ont.

Dear Bro:-

Grating, if your letter of Nov 29 was delivered and noted and in reply will say that we authorized further investigations in ^{Central} Europe and Russia following our meeting held at Harrisburg, Pa. Bro Allgeyer had brot us a report and upon the strength of that we cabled authority for further investigations.

Bro Roy Allgeyer has cabled us of conditions found, Urgent need, and says he will start home following day. We expect him home in a few days. After hearing his report we will make further statements of proposed plans. We advise with to be sent into Russia. And cooperation in relief work already begun in Central Europe. We will be glad to have your cooperation in sending relief funds and workers when called for.

On account of scarcity of news from our committee we have not been able to say much about late plans. Watch The Herald Internationally,
Aaron Loucks

Vineland Ont., June 14th, 1920.

L. J. Burkholder,
Markham Ont.

Dear Brother:- Greeting.

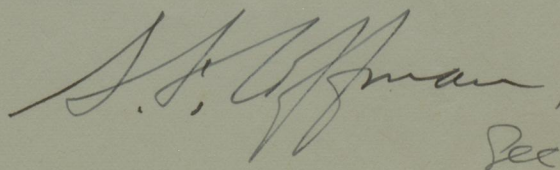
Your circular letter to the members of the N-R. R. O. has been received and noted. I arrived home last Friday Morning, just at mid-night. I've been at home part of three days and am just getting ready for a trip to Indiana to spend the rest of the week in Committee and Board meeting work. I have informed Brother Curtis Cressman that he will be expected to appear as the Canadian representative of the Board of Education. My work will be on the Music Committee of General Conference, and report of the Literature Committee of the Board of Education. The Chairman of that ~~Board~~ ^{Committee} will make the report.

I spoke to a number of the brethren at Goshen as to the matter of succession of members of the Board, but they were not able to give information. There is a proposed amendment to the constitution that will be acted upon at the coming meeting stating that the members who are elected by any body outside of the Board will begin their term of office at the beginning of the fiscal year after their election. The fiscal year will begin, according to the proposed amendment on the 10th of June. Had this rule been in force, there would not have been any conflict on our part. I am sure that the present rule is that the members elected hold office until the next annual meeting after their election.

You will find inclosed a copy of a letter written to Mr. H. H. Ewert of Gretna. This will perhaps open up the subject in some manner with the person in the West with whom we desire to come in touch. You may have some other method of reaching them. You know my sentiments on the question and therefore you will not need to have them repeated here.

All quite well at present. Ella was up to Claytons to see the baby on last Friday. Al getting along well.

Yours in faith,


Sec. Treas.

Vineland Ont., June 30th, 1920.

L..J. Burkholder, Mod.
Markham Ont.

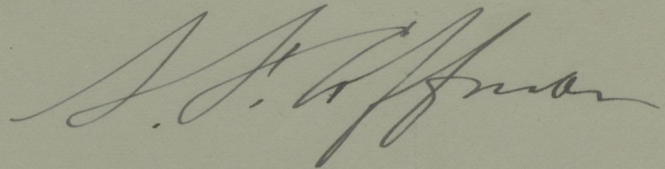
Dear Brother:-, Greeting.

The letter which I wrote to H. H. Ewert elicited the replies which you will find enclosed, and which I would be pleased to have returned when you write me. I think that it would be well to have a somewhat representative meeting with him when he comes to Kitchener.

I am not sure how well you will agree with the expressions which I have made regarding a proposal for some service for the Government in time of war. There is a strong sentiment in favor of offering service for civilian relief where such might be called for, in line with what was done during the late trouble under the direction of the Friends relief organization. Such might be done and recognized by the Government as equal to war service. But it is a question whether or not the Government would recognize such work. It was not under the supervision of the Government at this time and it is a question whether it would be recognized. The Red Cross work was also independent at one time but later came directly under the control of the Government and the war department.

Let me hear from you when convenient on this point. Am getting ready to go to Zurich today. will start in about an hour and go via Kitchener with Brother Oscar from there.

Yours in faith,



Enclosed copy of letter to H.H.E.

Bishops of congregations proposing to migrate.

Rev. Johan Friesen, Winkler, Man.
Rev. Jacob Wrens, Hague, Sask.
Rev. Abram Wiebe, Weymark, Sask.

Markham, Ont. July 3. 1920.

S.F.Coffman,
Vineland , Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

Yours of the 30th. ult. to hand. I agree with your expression of opinion to brother Ewert on the question of service for the Government in times of war. I am glad for the prospects of meeting a representative of the Russian Mennonites. I think we will be ready to accord to him the privileges of a minister and co-laborer.

I have written to brother Ewert suggesting that he come to Markham, when he reaches Toronto, and meet the brethren Reesor and Goudie. I think these are the most representative men in their respective churches. In Kitchener he would find no one that would so fully know conditions and sentiments in those churches. After having met them he could proceed to Waterloo Co.

Know also that C.F. Good is not the Secretary of the M.B.C. Conference and has not been for many years. Lewis P. Raner was Secretary until he broke in health. Elmer Moyer, Chris. G's son, succeeded him and continues to the present time.

I trust that you had a profitable time at Zurich and that the brotherhood there was much revived.

Yours in Him,

Markham, Ont. July 3. 1920.

H. H. Ewert,
Gretna, Man.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

From brother S. F. Coffman I have the information that you contem^{pl} to a visit to Ontario to discuss matters relative to Governmental service in war times etc. I am sure that we will be glad to deliberate with you on these and other important questions. I write to suggest that when you come to Toronto that you take a day or more and come to Markham before going to Kitchener. We are only 85 miles east from ⁷⁶ Toronto on the Midland Division of the Grand Trunk or or you might take C.P.R. from Toronto to Locust Hill. My home is only about two miles from either Markham or Locust Hill. I will be glad to meet you. You can reach our house by phone. Call Markham, on the Home Telephone, #1102.

At Markham you will be only 7 miles from Elder Samuel Goudie who is Presiding Elder and also Moderator of Conference in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. Here you will be only 5 miles from Thomas Tessor, while not a bishop, yet he is a strong representative of the Old Order or Wisler section of the Mennonite Church. Both these men are more nearly representative of their churches than any other persons you could find in Ontario. I shall be glad to let you meet them both. Because of our nearness to Toronto and that I think you should meet these men I feel that you would do well to call here before going farther.

It is with pleasant anticipation that I look forward to the time of our meeting face to face. May God bless you and your mission.

Fraternally,

TO MENNONITE DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Hillsboro, Kans., Nov. 5, 1920.

Dear Brother, Greeting in the name of Jesus:--

It is generally known throughout the Mennonite brotherhood that a delegation of four brethren from the Mennonite settlements in Russia has been sent to this country to solicit aid for our suffering brethren and sisters in that war-stricken country where they have been rendered practically destitute, and because it is impossible longer to live there with any assurance of security to life or property, they are seeking an asylum in America, and wish to immigrate to this country.

At a joint meeting of Mennonite Relief Commissions, representing the various branches of the Mennonite Church, held at Elkhart, Ind., July 27, 28, 1920, the following decisions and recommendations were made:

"That an executive committee consisting of five members be appointed to co-operate with our Russian brethren in working out plans with our government, means of financing the undertaking, and render such assistance as may be needed in connection with the movement; . . . that each conference appoint a representative to meet at such time and place as hereinafter provided for, for the purpose of electing the aforesaid EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; . . . that in case conferences have held their sessions for the year, that the Executive Committee or the proper officials of the same be notified and that these then act for their conferences; . . . that the Chairman of the Committee on Information shall call a meeting of these delegates at such time and place as the Committee on Information shall deem suitable."

At a regular meeting of the Committee on Information held at Hillsboro, Kans., Nov. 1, 1920, it was decided to call a meeting of the above named delegate body for the purpose of selecting the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and to transact such other business as may merit consideration, on Wednesday, November 24, 1920, at 10 a. m., at Newton, Kans.

If your conference has as yet not appointed a representative, please do so at once, and notify him of this meeting. Should you find it unadvisable to send a delegate from your district, please send proxy to a qualified brother living near the place of meeting and ask him to represent your conference, and notify the undersigned of your action.

Awaiting your report and praying God's blessing upon this responsible and needy work, we are

Fraternally yours,

Committee on Information,

Wm. J. Ewert, Chairman, Hillsboro, Kans.

L. H. Beull, Hesston, Kans

MANY ANSWER MERCY'S PLEA

Subscriptions Received in
Encouraging Measure—
Need is Urgent

"Conditions are simply indescribable," says Miss Minnie Shipley, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church at Honan, speaking of the situation in the famine-stricken districts of China, when passing through Toronto on her way to her former home near Ailsa Craig. She states that the natives have been making soup from cut leaves, weeds, grass and bark, and she believes that an outbreak of disease is inevitable. Should an epidemic occur Miss Shipley fears its effects would be felt on this continent.

Although the famine fund in the Dominion is going ahead there is urgent need for more help. Subscriptions may be paid to either of the following: Mr. D. A. Cameron, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, King and Jordan streets, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Robert Laird, Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, or Mr. J. A. Worrell, K.C., Hon. Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

A further list of subscriptions is given below:

- Frank Edmand, Queen City Chambers, 32 Church street, Toronto, \$100; Mrs. F. A. Dumble, 515 Sherbourne street, Toronto, \$10; Mrs. A. B. Clemes, 122 South Drive, Toronto, \$10; St. John's Church Mothers' Society, Norway (per Mrs. Smallwood, 1942 Queen street east, Toronto), \$5; V. Maude Millchamp, Toronto, \$10; Mary E. Bowen, Box 4, Grimsby, Ont., \$5; Miss Annie Mathewson, Arnprior, Ont., \$5; H. T. Blakely, Picton, Ont., \$10; Mrs. Mary Williams, Bowmanville, Ont., \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Thompson, Holyrood, R.R.1, \$5; A. W. Little, Vinemount, Ont., \$2; John Richardson, Fergusonvale, Ont. (per A. W. Little, Vinemount), \$1; Victoria Harbor Public School children (per C. R. Fallis), \$23.46; Jean C. Risk, Hopewell Jct., N.Y., \$27.50; Alice Donald, Box 481, St. Mary's, Ont., \$10; Mrs. J. C. Willmott, 90 College street, Toronto, \$5; Shanty Bay Epworth League (per Laura Graham), \$5; Live Wires Class, Methodist S.S., Shanty Bay (per Laura Graham), \$5; Shanty Bay Women's Institute (per Laura Graham), \$5; Mrs. M. L. Swart, R.R. No. 3, Thorndale, Ont., \$5; C. A. Cameron, 67 Ontario avenue, Hamilton, Ont., \$5; H. Fralick, R.R. No. 3, Port Perry, Ont., \$5; Three Well-wishers, Fordwich, Ont., \$5; A Sympathizer, East Toronto, \$5; Mrs. Briggs, Myrtle, Ont., \$10; Wesley Methodist Church of Trafalgar (per Rev. A. S. Trueblood, Trafalgar, Ont.), \$25; London (transfer), \$35; H. J. Smith, 187 Clinton street, Toronto, \$2; Miss Mary Lumsden, for St. Paul's Presbyterian S.S., Victoria Harbor, \$62; Mrs. Robert Baird, New Hamburg, Ont., \$5; Mrs. A. W. Beal, Whitby, Ont., \$5; Miss Rebecca Irwin, Clarkburg (per Hartman & Co.), \$10; W. W. Winter, R. 175, Third avenue N., St. Petersburg, Fla., \$25; Chinese residents of Saskatoon (per F. M. Mathers, 331 G South, Saskatoon), \$79.75; Wellesley Young People's Society, \$13; A. J. S., Toronto, \$10; Miss Beat, Toronto, \$5; Mr. Herbert Gould, Ravenna, Ont., \$2; Rev. Walter Rackham, Ravenna, Ont., \$2; W. C. Dorland, Coderington, Ont., \$10; A Friend, Brunswick avenue, Toronto, \$1; Mrs. Wm. Woods, 50 Gothic avenue, Toronto, \$10; F. H., \$1; We Are Seven Club (per Miss Eward, 40 Willcocks street, Toronto), \$9.50; A Friend, \$1; A. Clifford, Meaford, Ont., \$5; D. A. Ferguson, Meaford, \$10; W. B. Calder, Grimsby, Ont., \$10; Louisville Circuit (per Rev. P. S. Banes), \$9.85; French's Circuit (per Rev. P. S. Banes), \$6.56; Kent Bridge Circuit (per Rev. P. S. Banes), \$6.60; Cecilia Jeffrey Boarding School, Waugh, Man. (per J. T. Ross, c.o. G. W. V. D. Waugh, Man.), \$25; Floradale Evangelical S.S. (per J. T. Ott, Superintendent, Floradale, Ont.), \$27.50; M. D. Hill, No. 16 Beresford Apartments, 1317 King street west, Toronto, \$3; Geo. Deeprose and family, Morrin, Alta., \$24; H. E. Emery, Huntsville, Ont., \$10; Mrs. A. Dyson Morton, 50 Gothic ave., Toronto, \$5; Miss Grace H. Saunders, 43 Maple ave., Toronto, \$2.50; Miss Marshall Saunders, 43 Maple ave., Toronto, \$2.50; A Friend, \$10; Miss McPhail, Toronto, \$1; Douglas Dunlop Crow, 115 Lawton Blvd., Toronto, \$1; Misses A. and G. Currier, 115 Lawton ave., Toronto, \$50; "M," \$11; Anonymous, Perth, \$5; F. T. Lundy, R.R. 2, Brampton, Ont., \$5; Geo. Johnson, M.F.D. 1, Barrie, \$10; Grand Valley Methodist Church (per Judson Truax), \$30; Rev. Dr. J. S. Williamson, 68 Pleasant Blvd., Toronto, \$15; A. W. Ham, Toronto, 200 Beverley st., \$25; Mrs. Annie McKinnon, Vankeek Hill, Ont., \$10; T. H. McAdden, Peterboro', Ont., \$10; In His Name, \$5; Wilson & Canham, Ltd., 36 Wellington st. east, Toronto, \$50; A Friend, \$1; E. C. Dean, c.o. L. R. Steel Service Corp., Ltd., \$5; Mrs. R. M. Thompson, Cobourg, Ont., \$15; P. McConnell, Port Burwell, Ont., \$10; F. H. Leslie, Ltd., Niagara Falls, Church, 10; Heidelberg Evangelical Church (J. A. Steiss, Heidelberg), \$48.70; W. H. Rowan, R.R. No. 1, Orono, Ont., \$5; G. F. Guelph, Ont., \$5; O. Sibley, 654 Kingston rd., Toronto, \$10; Mrs. W. R. Lawrence, Sarnia, Ont., \$5; Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, Sarnia, \$10; P. C. C., \$10; J. W. Kitching, Beachville, Ont., \$5; Allan Edwards, Warsaw, Ont., \$5; W. Ballie, Toronto, \$2; Miss Rose Hewitt, 25 Edouard st., Hamilton, \$2; Mrs. Jas. Dences, Odessa, Ont., \$5; M.W., \$2; L. S. Albright, Sackville, N.B., \$10; Zeta Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 410 (per W. E. Robson), \$50; J. G. McKee, Wilfrid, Ont., \$5; The H. S. Falls, Co., Simcoe, Ont., \$25; Rev. A. R. Johnson, Warwick, Ont., \$10; Beech Ave. Methodist S. S. Primary Class (per Mrs. R. E. Oliphant), \$10.25; C. A. Bowman, and sisters, 579 Dundas st., London, Ont., \$50; Ladies' Association of Dublin, St. Methodist Church, Guelph, \$50; C. D., \$4; Rev. W. K. Shortt, 376 Albert st., Kingston, Ont., \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Cook, Orton, Ont., \$10; C. A. Belfrey, Flesher-Orton, Ont., \$5; A Friend, Bayfield, Orton, Ont., \$5; Toronto Baptist Chinese Union (per Woo Lowe), \$33.50; No Name, London, \$5; Mrs. James H. Kellock, Cornwall, \$3; \$5; Richard Allen, Flesher-Orton, \$2; Mrs. M. E. Davies, Toronto, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. H. Shaw, Campbellford, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Stobo, Toronto, \$15; Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society, Ontario West, \$35.40; T. B. H., Toronto, \$50; E. Hounson, Toronto, \$10; Mimico Baptist Mission (per E. J. Wood), \$45.10; Ladies' Bible Class of Main St. Baptist Church, St. John, N.B., (per R. D. Warren, Gen. Treas. Baptist Mission Boards), \$44.60; St. Ann's Presbyterian congregation, Ont. (per A. E. Hannahson), \$107.13; A. Geo. Rose, Sebastian, Fla., \$100; W. J. Bassett, 57 High Park Blvd., Toronto, \$100.

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GRIP OF FAMINE TIGHTENS UPON STRICKEN CHINA

Starvation Already Crushing
Its Victims in Five
Provinces

ARE DYING IN MUD HUTS

Money and Grain Must be
Sent at Once to Save
Millions

(By CHARLES DAILEY.)

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Tientsin, Dec. 6.—Already death is beginning to reach the starvation victims throughout the five affected Provinces. Many distress camps are reported, but by Christmas the stricken area will be one vast graveyard despite all that can be done.

The streets in Tientsin, Peking and in other cities are now thronged with the starving, who beg from door to door, and it is impossible to give to all. The refugee camps are growing out of bounds, and already many are starving to death in the mud huts.

Missionaries and other foreigners fear the indifference of official China may have a dampening effect on foreign contributions, but they appeal for aid to save as many of the starving wretches doomed to die, unless foreign assistance intervenes, as is possible.

Urge Christmas Drive.

A conference will take place in Peking to-day at which two members each from the Peking International and the Tientsin International, Shantung and Honan Provincial Famine Committees will decide on the method for the alleviation of the famine sufferers. The Rev. Edwin Carlyle Lobenstine, an American Presbyterian, will preside at the meeting.

The meeting will also cable an appeal, backed by the China Continuation Committee, which is the National Christmas Council, asking the Committee of Reference and the committee composed of all the Mission Boards in the United States and Canada to urge a Christmas drive for famine aid, and advising the use of Chinese students in America to voice public appeals.

Outside aid, consisting of both grain and money, is needed to carry on the great work by these bodies.

First Grain From Darien.

The first grain shipment from Darien has reached Tientsin, being consigned to the Tientsin Committee.

Missionaries and volunteer workers now on the ground will ration the supplies on a basis somewhat similar to that employed by Dr. Griffith at Anping, a method which is generally accepted as the best model.

The next relief to be undertaken will be that by the American Red Cross in Shantung next week. The section assumed forms but a small part of the afflicted area.

Lawrence Rodman of the American Y. M. C. A., and Neil Polson, an Americanized Dane, head the Shantung Provincial Relief Committee. There are 3,000,000 starving people in that Province. Polson says he has received, so far, \$50,000, exclusive of a \$500 American Red Cross appropriation. He needs a far greater amount. The committee began relief in five districts under American and British Protestant and French and Italian Catholic missionaries.

Distress Growing Rapidly.

The American Red Cross is willing to extend road building in Shantung if money is forthcoming. It prefers this work plan to direct feeding, as the latter tends to pauperize the people.

The Shansi Society, through Stanley Harrison, its Secretary, reports that distress is growing rapidly. More than 800,000 people there are on the verge of starvation, and now only \$250,000 is available, scarcely enough to provide food for six weeks. He appeals for \$2,000,000 immediately. Mr. Harrison says that it will take \$5 to keep a man alive until harvest.

BITE OF WINTER DREAD OF EAST

"What Will Become of Poor
Things?" Says Letter
From China

While following its constant policy of non-solicitation of funds, the China Inland Mission has not deemed it advisable to make direct appeals for money in connection with the present famine in China, Mr. E. A. Brownlee told The Globe last night. He stated, however, that the mission is daily receiving contributions from its many friends toward the famine relief in the districts in which it is at work, and these amounts are forwarded promptly to the field.

"The mission does not want to interfere with anything that others may be doing toward forwarding relief," Mr. Brownlee stated, "for we rejoice in every effort which tends toward the relief of the sufferers from the famine."

The mission has a thousand missionaries, and has stations in all the Provinces affected by the famine.

The following letter was received from Mr. Brownlee yesterday:

A Task of Magnitude.

To the Editor of The Globe: Many inquiries are reaching us as to the actual conditions in the famine districts of North China. The public may be interested in the following quotation from a letter received this morning from Mr. D. E. Hoste of Shanghai, the General Director of the China Inland Mission: "The papers continue to give sad accounts of the famine in the north, where it is estimated that about 59,000,000 of people are, or will be, in need of relief. This gives some idea of the magnitude and difficulty of the task entrusted to those who are distributing funds and arranging work for the people."

In another letter also received this morning, Mr. G. W. Gibb, Secretary of the mission in Shanghai, gives the following quotation from a letter he had just received from Lester Ware, one of our missionaries in Shantung, Chihli Province:

Chaff and Vegetables.

"I went with a Biblewoman to some of the nearer villages to make investigation as to the real state of things, and I must say I have not yet found that the statements of distress have been in the least exaggerated. The principal food is chaff and wild vegetables, leaves of trees and bark ground to flour, and even straw, which is ground up with the husk of the persimmon. Some who are fortunate enough to possess gardens have raised onions, and, of course, this will be a great help to those who have such; but as to grain, I have not seen any at all in more than two houses, or anything that could be called food for human beings. One just says, 'What will become of the poor things during the bitter cold weather that is hastening on us?' My heart fails me at times. I can do so little, and am doing so little. It costs so much to feed the few I have here, for all grain is so expensive. I have now 21 with me, and we are more than crowded."

Thanking you for your kindness in giving this matter publicity, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) E. A. Brownlee,
Secretary, China Inland Mission,
507 Church street, Toronto.

WORK GOES ON IN AID OF CHINA

Horrors of Famine in Orient Make General Appeal

Subscriptions are still coming in steadily toward helping to relieve the horrors of famine in China. It is expected a further sum of money will be cabled to that country shortly, and already a considerable amount has been sent over.

A meeting will be held on behalf of the China famine sufferers next Monday at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon in the Central Y.M.C.A., room 8. The meeting, which is for united intercession on behalf of that stricken land, will be led by Rev. A. S. Imrie.

Subscriptions for the aid of the sufferers in China may be sent to Mr. J. A. Worrell, K.C., Honorary

Treasury of the Church of England Missionary Society, Toronto; to Rev. Dr. Robert Laird, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto, or to Mr. D. A. Cameron, Honorary Treasurer of the China Famine Fund, Canadian Bank of Commerce main office, King and Jordan streets, Toronto.

Many Contributions.

Contributions received by Mr. D. A. Cameron, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto: Miss Hannah Wright McCosh, Paris, Ont., \$10; Walter H. Wigg and wife, Oshawa, \$10; M. G. Forth, Campbellville, R.R. No. 3, \$5; Mrs. R. R. Ross, Seaforth, \$5; G. G. Ross, Seaforth, \$3; W. J. Orr, 24 Garfield avenue, Hamilton, \$5; D. M. Tait, \$10; A. E. Boreham, 179 Lowther avenue, Toronto, \$10; Mrs. A. Watts, 45 Patricia road, Toronto, \$2; A Friend, \$5; Miss A. Sunter, Meaford, \$5; Mrs. Ramsay, \$1; Jas. A. Neilson, O.A.C., Guelph, \$5; John W. Lake, 114 King west, Toronto, \$5; Jennie Dryden, Toronto, \$5; J. MacGillivray, \$2; Mrs. Stirrup, Concord street, Toronto (per A. N. Huply), \$5; Missionary Society of Church of England, subscriptions to date (R. A. Williams), \$318.84; New Hamburg and Wilnot Centre Evangelical Congregations (per Rev. W. O. Helm, pastor, New Hamburg), \$102; Uno

Park Sunday School Primary Class (per Mrs. J. T. Welbourn), \$2.21; R. H. McCluer and Rob and Jean, Toronto, \$15; A Friend in Lucknow (per W. L. MacKenzie, Lucknow), \$10; Toronto Evangelical Church of the Deaf (per Mrs. J. R. Byrne, 1 St. Vincent street, Toronto), \$32; Mrs. Herbert Tresidder, 606 Jones avenue, Toronto, \$10; Mrs. L. J. Rossie, \$5; N. Crabbe, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Balmer, 1,220 Dufferin, Toronto, \$10; H. G. Laux, 602 Standard Bank Building, Toronto, \$10; Miss Eva Quantz, Richmond Hill, \$10; Miss M. Quantz, Richmond Hill, \$5; Mr. F. A. Brook, Toronto, \$10; Lillian Phillips, Cornwall, \$10.15; Mrs. Claude Wardell, Huntsville, \$15; A Friend, \$5.65; Mrs. J. Dickinson (per F. Louise Dickinson, 52 Rosemount avenue, Toronto), \$5; F. Louise Dickinson, 32 Rosemount avenue, Toronto, \$10; Union Sunday School No. 8, Wallace (per Willbert Broughton, Palmerston, Secretary), \$10; John Baxter, Mooretown, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. VanNorman, Keswick, \$10; Erskine Keys, 87 Avenue road, Toronto, \$5; C. Estelle MacKenzie, 60 Grosvenor street, Toronto, \$30; G. A. Honey, Hampton, \$2; Widow in "Old Ladies' Home," Halifax, N.S., \$5; Doris, Toronto, \$2; J. M. Burrows, Walkerton, \$10; Bertha L. Tamblin, 19 Dunbar road, Toronto, \$5; P.A.G., Toronto, \$10;

AN APPEAL FOR THE STARVING MILLIONS OF CHINA

by the Non-Resistant Relief Organization.

The Non-Resistant Relief Organization was called into being in January 1918 because of certain conditions of need as a result of the Great War. Our churches responded nobly to that need. Nearly \$100,000.00 was contributed for the relief of war sufferers.

On the minutes of the first meeting of this body is found the following Resolution - "We further recommend that we encourage a continued support of relief and charitable work during the continuance of the war, AND SO LONG THEREAFTER AS DEEMED ADVISABLE BY THIS ORGANIZATION".

The Executive Committee met in Toronto on Dec. 6, 1920 for the purpose of considering the question of sending relief to China etc. The following brethren were present at this meeting - L.J. Burkholder; Samuel Goudic; L.B. Heise; Christian Gascho and S.F. Coffman.

Upon inquiry it is found that from 30 to 40 millions of people, in the five famine-stricken provinces in China, are facing STARVATION. Strong appeals are made to the people of North America to render aid at once. The Committee has satisfactory assurances that money contributed for this purpose, as directed below, will reach the sufferers and be distributed for the object to which it is given. It is estimated on good authority that FIVE DOLLARS will keep ~~the~~ ONE MAN ALIVE until their next harvest.

After prayerful consideration of the whole situation we call upon the members of our several congregations to the mute appeal from the starving millions and give of our plenty to supply their dire need.

The present year has brought prosperity to our land. Wage earners, business men and farmers have had large incomes. We feel that there is scarcely a home which might not quite easily make a gift of from \$5. to \$25 for the relief of China - and many would choose to do more.

"BUT WHOSO HATH THIS WORLD'S GOOD, AND SEETH HIS BROTHER HAVE NEED, AND SHUTTETH UP HIS BOWELS OF COMPASSION FROM HIM, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?" I Jno. 3:17. See also Galatians 6:10.

If we do not respond heartily to calls of this nature, now that the war is over, it will appear to the public that our plea for consideration, during the war, was not based upon sincere convictions and a desire to save life rather than shed blood.

In view of the above named facts we unanimously recommend the following to each congregation, viz :-

1. That a copy of this circular be placed into every home.
2. That the minister preach, on the Sunday on which these circulars are distributed, from Acts 11:29 or another text of like nature.
3. That an interested brother or brethren be appointed to make a personal canvass of every home during the week of Dec. 19 - 26, or sooner, to receive your bounty for this need.
4. That we curtail our usual Christmas expenditures for treats, presents and luxuries and minister to the needy instead.
5. That all money be sent to Mr. D.A. Cameron, Manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, King and Jordan Sts. Toronto, or through other reliable channels.
6. That a statement of all money gathered for relief work in China be reported to either of the following :- C.N. Good; M.C. Cressman; Christian Gascho; Noah W. Bearinger or L.B. Heise.

The Executive Committee.

U.K. Weber, Kitchener, Ont.	140	copies.
Noah Weber, Waterloo,	90	"
Benj. B. Shantz, Preston,	35	"
A. B. Snyder, Preston,	20	"
Iziah Wisner, Blair,	25	"
Jesse Martin, Bloomingdale,	25	"
Oscar Burkholder, Breslau,	70	"
Chas. Schragg, Zurich,	25	"
W. H. Shantz, New Hamburg,	30	"
Geo. Hallman, New Dundee,	6	"
Curtis C. Crossman, New Hamburg,	35	"
Ozias Crossman, New Hamburg,	28	"
Mar. W. H. Hallman, Petersburg,	70	"
Orphen Wisner, Baden,	25	"
Oliver Snider, Floradale,	55	"
Moses Brubaker, Waterloo, R.R.	60	"
S. F. Coffman, Vineland,	45	"
J. C. Fretz, Rainham Centre,	15	"
Chris. Hoover, South Cayuga,	6	"
Noah Hunsberger, Sherkston,	15	"
E. B. Martin, 25 Gladhill Ave. Toronto,	20	"
L. W. Hoover, Markham, R.R. #2.	55	"
Jos. B. Hoover, Ringwood,	15	"
L. J. Burkholder, Markham,	20	"
Thos. Reesor, Pickering,	50	"
F. M. Bearinger, Ellica,	300	"
Freeman Rittenhouse, Dunnville,	10	"
John Sherk, South Cayuga,	10	"
Christian Gascho, Baden, Ont.	1.000	"
L. B. Heise, Gormley,	55	"
Bert. Shirk, Stevensville,	1.00	"
John Sider, Marshville,	55	"
John Nigh, Hagersville,	25	"
J. Swain, Duntroon,	35	"
Simeon Cober, Kitchener,	15	"
N. Wildfong, Hespeler,	15	"
John Reichert, Nordwich,	15	"
D. W. Heise, Gormley,	5	"

Mr. Gorson, :-

Kindly send copies of the circular "Appeal for China" to the above named persons and include also the list mailed to you by Mr. Gaudie from Stauffville.

Sincerely,

L. J. Burkholder

Markham, Ont. Nov. 23.1920.

Non-Resistant Relief
Organization.

The Members of the Executive Committee,

Dear brethren:-

In the Daily

Press and otherwise we learn of awful suffering from famine and war conditions. In China 30 millions may starve before another harvest. Portions in the Near East are as much in need as at any other time. Russia, still torn by internal strife, has thousands who are unable to endure the rigors of a severe winter without outside help. It is reported that fully 100,000 refugees left fled from the Crimea during General Wrangel's retreat recently. These will need food and clothing to sustain life. In Germany there are many orphans and others who still need some help. Here is an opportunity to heed the Master's word "If thine enemy hunger feed him".

It seems to me that our body should lead our churches to bring relief to these suffering ones. What is your opinion in the matter? Do you favor the taking of some steps? and if so, shall a meeting of the Executive be called? Could this business be dealt with by writing?

I shall be glad for a frank reply at once. Make any further suggestions that come to your mind.

Your servant,

L.J.Burkholder, Chairman.

Gannley Nov 25th
1920

L. J. Buehholder

New Bn

Yours of the 23rd
I not to hand & contents noted -

There is certainly a great cry
for help in European countries
for aid, but I would not feel
to press a solicitation on our people
at this ^{time} because of the fact that
they have been appealed to quite
often of late by raising money for
outgoing missionaries etc and
some more to follow at once
and as some of our Districts
did not respond the last time
the solicitation was undertaken
I think it would probably meet
with the same results at this time
and as there are different agencies

open whereby those who are imp-
-ressed to help, may find it con-
-venient to send their offerings thru
^{other channels}
* However any method the Ex-eca-
-tive feel to safe I would do
what I could to carry out the
same. that. God may be honored
and our souls blessed -
I remain

Yours Truly
L. B. Husé

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Mennonite Brethren in Christ
Missionary Society
General Board

"Lift up your eyes and look
on the fields; for they are
white already to harvest."

"He that soweth and he that
reapeth may rejoice together."
—John 4: 35-36.

B. A. SHERK, Secretary
Elkton, Mich.

Elmwood Nov. 29/20

Elder L. J. Burkholder
Markham Ont.

Dear Bro. :- Christian Greeting.

Your's of the 23rd. reached me last week but
due to other pressing duties I failed to answer
until this morning, will do so now.

Not more than a few days previous to re-
ceiving your letter this same thought came to me that
we as a Non-resistant Relief Organization should
take this matter up with our various churches
for we surely dare not turn a deaf ear to the crying
need of the suffering millions, now with regard to
calling a meeting of the Executive, it might be the better
way & yet if you think it can be done satisfactorily by
writing I will not object, if you call a meeting at the
Wideman church next week I can attend as I expect to
go home next week. (on Monday).

Some of our congregations have done some for
the sufferers of China but no real effort has been put
forth.

Yours in favor of relief work
S. Goudie

Vineland Ont., November 26th 1920.

L. J. Burkholder, Chairman,
Markham Ont.

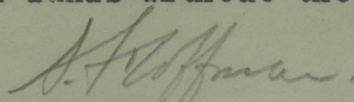
Dear Brother:- Greeting.

Your letter to the members of the Committee was duly received. I think that the matter is timely and think too, that there would scarcely be any need of a meeting of the Executive Committee in order to forward some kind of a movement to give relief to the suffering ones in the East. You have a number of the Committee near at hand, and if you think it advisable you could meet and talk over the situation. The appeal that has already gone out through the press will awaken the interests of all, and there is, no doubt, some wonder in the minds of the brotherhood as to what our Organization will do. Since our sentiment is that the congregations should all do something, we need only to suggest by some means the need and appeals for action, allowing the congregations to use any available channels for the sending of their funds, and asking them to report what they have done to the Secretary of our Organization. Also, allowing them to send funds through our Organization if there is no other channel.

I think that, under present circumstances, that our appeal should be first for China. Russia is so uncertain, and the appeal should perhaps be made for other than financial relief for them at present. As soon as Governmental matters become more stable there and the relief be possible through regular channels and according to authentic information some further action could be taken for Russia.

It might be well to get in touch with the Government here to see what could be done toward sending relief funds without the usual exchange.

Yours,



Brother Hoffman tells me that Bro. J. Burkholder has been in Dec. 5, so there will be no effect. I am sorry

Markham, Ont. Nov. 29. 1920.

S.F. Coffman,
Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

Your letter received on Saturday. I would be glad if we could launch a movement to gather material for the relief of the starving ones in China etc. but it looks as if a meeting of the Executive Committee would be necessary. I know of two members in York Co. who are very apathetic toward the idea of our bodymaking a move. You and I, of course would be counted on the other side of the question. There are two other brethren to hear from. I do not want to render a decision in a matter which needs a united effort. I fear a meeting will be needful. Brother Goudie will be away from home over next Sunday, I think. The meeting, if called, would be next week. Where should it be held?

I am glad for your hope that with the Government we make some arrangement to have our money reach the needy fields without the loss from the heavy exchange rate. I hardly think that it can be accomplished. Since you are the Secretary it will become your duty to look into that question. I shall expect you to take up that matter at once that you may have an answer by the early part of next week.

If the above suggestions are not favorable use your own discretion.

Fraternally,

N-R-R-O.

Markham, Ont. Dec.1.1920.

Dear brother:-

From the sentiments expressed in the copies to my letter of Nov.23.I take it to be my duty to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization. This is to give notice of a meeting to be held on the 6th.of December at one o'clock,P.M. at 1324 Danforth Ave.Toronto. at the Mennonite Gospel Mission.

The above named time and place was selected because of the fact that at least three members of this Committee will be able to attend without any extra \$fd travel. Let us gather promptly that we may return to our homes on the afternoon trains.

The chief item of business will be to consider the question of bringing relief to the starving millions in China and the Near East, etc.etc.

May you not be prevented from being present and in the spirit of prayer that the will of the Lord may be done.

Your servant,

L.J.Barkholder, Chairman.

Markham, Ont. Dec. 1. 1930.

S.F. Coffman,
Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

I suppose it would have been in order for the Secretary to make the enclosed call. I have done so in order to save time and mailing. Your suggestion to meet on Sat. would not work since brother Coudie will not return from Western Ont. before Monday. I shall take it upon myself to ask brother David Heise to be present also. He may decline but I shall urge him to meet with us.

I have mailed a copy of the Worker's letter to sister Lena Fretz as per your request.

I expect to leave Toronto Sat. morning for Selkirk.

Fraternally,

Keep Copy

Vineland Ont., November 30th, 1920.

Honourable Sir Thomas White,
Minister of Finance,
House of Parliament,
Ottawa.

Sir:-

The Amish, Tunker and Mennonite people, represented by the Non-Resistant Relief Organization desire to make a special contribution toward relieving the distress in China and the nearer East. They have been contributing largely, individually and as congregations.

Owing to the greatness of the need and the necessity of extending relief benefits as far as possible, we desire to know by what method, if any, the relief funds may be forwarded without the payment of the heavy exchange rates.

These funds will not be used for the support of missionaries or for missionary work, but solely for relief work.

Thanking you for an early reply to report to a week-end Committee meeting, I am, Sir,

Yours, Respectfully,

For the Committee.

PP#2 Pickering Dec 4 20
S J Burkholder
Markham
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Dear Bro

Your favor of 1st inst
to hand and noted,

Would say I have no authority
from our congregation at present
to act on committee, therefore
I beg to be excused

May your efforts receive a
divine blessing is my prayer

Yours truly

Thos Reesor

A General Appeal for Relief Funds

To the various churches represented in the "Non-Resistant Relief Organization of Ontario",—Greetings in the name of Jehovah who has blessed us with all temporal and spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Your Executive Committee met on the 19th inst. to consider the advisability of making another appeal on behalf of the Memorial Fund of the above organization.

From correspondence and private inquiry it is learned that while the suffering and distress resulting from the war is abating in some of the eastern counties, yet the distress is still intense and the destitution appalling.

With the remembrance of the hearty response on the part of our people last year by which over seventy-seven thousand dollars were donated to the Memorial Fund and appropriated for relief work in the following manner:—To "Secours National" \$10,000. "Belgium Relief Committee" \$15,000. "Armenian Relief Fund" \$15,000. "Merchant Sailors Relief Fund" \$12,570. "Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario" for the care, education and maintenance of soldier's children, \$15,000. "Serbian Relief Fund" \$8,000, with a supplementary appropriation to the Armenian and Serbian relief work of \$1,250 each, a total of \$77,370.

This liberality on the part of our people has been the means of saving perhaps many lives and gladdening the hearts of many also who were destitute.

So with all these facts before your committee, and in view of the unmerited blessings which our Heavenly Father has vouchsafed unto us in the Province of Ontario during the past season, we believe that our people will deem it a privilege to again come to the rescue of the perishing hundreds, by subscribing to the Memorial Fund.

Therefore, by unanimous vote, your committee have decided that a general appeal be made to the various bodies constituting this organization, for voluntary contributions to further the work of relief made necessary by war conditions in Armenia, Serbia and other European countries.

The Committee further suggests that each denomination work out a method which is best adapted to the conditions in the various bodies to accomplish the purpose of this appeal; and further, that the said appeal shall close and all donations reported to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than the first of March, 1920.

Your committee wish to express their unbounded confidence in the membership of our churches, relative to their appreciation of the situation before us, notwithstanding the fact that the awful war, through the providence of God, has terminated, and that the pressure and anxiety for the present, at least, is relieved. We have every reason, however, to believe that our people will be neither negligent of their privileges nor remiss of their duty in the matter of this appeal.

We should be especially diligent in view of the fact that Federal legislation is contemplated relative to Military Service and Exemptions which may prove to be adverse to our interests and faith.

May all who have so generously assisted in relief in the past be richly rewarded and our God glorified.

Dated at Markham, Nov. 30, 1919.

L. J. BURKHOLDER,
Chairman.

D. W. HEISE,
Sec'y-Treas.

To the Amish and Mennonite Congregations

We, the undersigned, have agreed to recommend to our several congregations, in addition to the above, the following suggestions:—

- 1st.—That money gathered for the above objects may be sent direct to G. L. Bender, Treasurer Mennonite Relief Commission, Elkhart, Ind., or to M. C. Cressman, Kitchener, Ont., and specify, if you wish, to which country the help shall be given.
- 2nd.—That the ministers and deacons in each congregation see to it that a copy of this sheet is placed into every family and also that one or more canvassers be appointed to gather this money.
- 3rd.—Since our Relief Commission expects to send brethren to Russia and also to give material relief to Austria and Germany, in their need, this would be an opportune time to give.
- 4th.—Report to D. W. Heise, Gormley, Ontario, or the undersigned, not later than March 1st, the amount forwarded. Also state about how much money has been given by members of your congregation for relief work during 1919, or since the other Memorial Fund was raised.
- 5th.—The newspapers are making a strong appeal for Armenia at the present time and the public is responding liberally. We should not be a whit behind others in "good works".

CHRISTIAN GASCHO,
Baden, Ont.

L. J. BURKHOLDER,
Markham, Ont.

GENERAL APPEAL

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Dated at Markham Nov. 30th, 1919.

Eld L. J. BURKHOLDER—Chairman
Eld. D. W. HEISE, Sec'y Treas.

Special and Individual Appeal

It will be noticed in the general appeal, that each Denomination is at liberty to devise a method which is best adapted among themselves for the carrying out of the object of the appeal.

We therefore take the liberty of suggesting the following method for our people.

1. "That a copy of this general, and special appeal be placed in every home of the church in Canada. That announcements of the same be made by the Bishops, or presiding Elders. "3. That a solicitor or more be appointed to collect the donations. "4 That all be reported not later than Mar. 1st. 1920.

D. W. HEISE, Sec'y Treas.
Gormley, Ont.

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Dear Brother:-

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" includes also poor Russia. For two centuries, since Catherine the Great, in no country have the Mennonite people been treated so well as in Russia. The last two years, of course, have been a sad exception, and that almost altogether due to the ignorance of the Russian people of the Gospel.

After six years of banishment by the Czar's Government, now, in God's providence, I am enabled to return with the first party of twenty-three missionaries to Russia, sailing, God willing, from New York on November 27th.

I have placed your name as a leader among your people on the complimentary list of "The Friend of Russia" for at least six months. My desire is that you would know about the work and lift up the hands of intercession on behalf of the suffering Russian people, never more needy than now.

Besides the party of twenty-three, we also hope to engage from three to five hundred native Russian workers, as the Lord may graciously supply the needs. Your prayers in behalf of this work will be much appreciated.

Upon my departure from this country, I am leaving the editing of "The Friend of Russia" in the hands of Rev. W. S. Hottel, formerly of the Mennonite Church of Bethlehem, Pa., who is known among many Christian people through the publishing of The Sunday School Quarterlies at Cleveland, Ohio. He has been elected Secretary of the Russian Missionary Society and will be ready to attend Bible Conferences and other meetings, in connection with the work of evangelizing Russia.

Yours for the evangelization of Russia,

WILLIAM FETLER, GENERAL DIRECTOR,
THE RUSSIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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"LET US STAND BY RUSSIA IN THIS HER HOUR OF NEED"

An Appeal for the Starving Millions of China

By the Non-Resistant Relief Organization

The Non-Resistant Relief Organization was called into being in January, 1918, because of certain conditions of need as a result of the Great War. Our churches responded nobly to that need. Nearly \$100,000.00 was contributed for the relief of war sufferers.

On the minutes of the first meeting of this body is found the following resolution ;—"We further recommend that we encourage a continued support of relief and charitable work during the continuance of the war, AND SO LONG THEREAFTER AS DEEMED ADVISABLE BY THIS ORGANIZATION."

The Executive Committee met in Toronto on Dec. 6, 1920, for the purpose of considering the question of sending relief to China, etc. The following brethren were present at this meeting—L. J. Burkholder, Samuel Goudie, L. B. Heise, Christian Gascho and S. F. Coffman.

Upon inquiry it is found that from 20 to 40 millions of people in the five famine-stricken provinces in China, are facing STARVATION. Strong appeals are made to the people of North America to render aid at once. The committee has satisfactory assurances that money contributed for this purpose, as directed below, will reach the sufferers and be distributed for the object to which it is given. It is estimated on good authority that FIVE DOLLARS will keep ONE MAN ALIVE until their next harvest.

After prayerful consideration of the whole situation we call upon the members of our several congregations to respond to the mute appeal from the starving millions and give of our plenty to supply their dire need.

The present year has brought prosperity to our land. Wage earners, business men and farmers have had large incomes. We feel that there is scarcely a home which might not quite easily make a gift of from \$5 to \$25 for the relief of China—and many would choose to do more.

"BUT WHOSO HATH THIS WORLD'S GOOD, AND SEETH HIS BROTHER HAVE NEED, AND SHUTTETH UP HIS BOWELS OF COMPASSION FROM HIM, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?" 1 Jno., 3 : 17. See also Galatians 6 : 10.

If we do not respond heartily to calls of this nature, now that the war is over, it will appear to the public that our plea for consideration, during the war, was not based upon sincere convictions and a desire to save life rather than shed blood.

In view of the above named facts we unanimously recommend the following to each congregation, viz :—

- 1.—That a copy of this circular be placed into every home.
- 2.—That the minister preach, on the Sunday on which these circulars are distributed, from Acts 11 : 29, or another text of like nature.
- 3.—That an interested brother or brethren be appointed to make a personal canvass of every home during the week of Dec. 19—26, or sooner, to receive your bounty for this need.
- 4.—That we curtail our usual Christmas expenditures for treats, presents and luxuries and minister to the needy instead.
- 5.—That all money be sent to Mr. D. A. Cameron, manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, King and Jordan Sts., Toronto, or through other reliable channels.
- 6.—That a statement of all money gathered for relief work in China be reported to either of the following ;—C. N. GOOD, M. C. CRESSMAN, CHRISTIAN GASCHO, NOAH M. BEARINGER or L. B. HEISE.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

N. R. R. O.

In response to Xmas appeal for China Famine Fund.

From Toronto Globe.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

D.M. Raymer	10.00
M.B.C. Vineland,	50.00
City Mission, St. Catharines, per M. Hood,	25.00
M.B.C. New Dundee, per E. Moyer,	114.00
M.B.C. Aylmer,	61.75
M.B.C. Collingwood, Rev. Yates,	18.10
M.B.C. Bruce Penn. Rev. Sinden,	135.00
M.B.C. Stayner,	27.29
M.B.C. Breslau,	125.25
M.B.C. Bruce Penn.	10.00
M.B.C. Kitchener, C.N. Good,	450.60
M.B.C. Markham, Sim. Hoover,	142.42
M.B.C. Port Elgin L.P. Ramer	68.40
M.B.C. Edgely,	15.00
M.B.C., Breslau,	25.00
M.B.C. Ont. Conf. per C.N. Good.	566.36
M.B.C. Bruce Penn.	15.00
<i>M.B.C. Collingwood</i>	<i>5.00</i>
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Mennonite.

Waterloo,	177.46
Cedar Grove,	160.00
Blenheim,	230.00
Vineland,	184.80
"	10.00
Floradale,	229.00
"	5.00
Hay,	63.35
"	12.81
Per. Zenas Snyder,	407.00
Wideman,	531.00
Almira,	31.00
Toronto Mission	85.37
Latschar,	291.00
Fanny & Susie Bingeman each \$5.00	10.00
N. Shantz,	10.00
Geiger,	148.00
Shantz,	245.00
Cressman,	168.50
Weber,	78.50
N. Weber, 10. C. Hoover 5. Mary Hoover 5.	20.00
Selkirk,	100.00
"	19.00
Austin Bauer, 10. Smerkston, per N.S. 1142-	31.42
	<u>3278.27</u>

Old Order.

Thos Reesor	10.00
Annie Reesor,	5.00
J.L. Grove,	5.00
<i>A. E. Rusa</i>	<i>5.00</i>
	<u>25.00</u>

N.R.R.O.

China Famine Fund, cont.

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Tunker.

Tunker, Gormley per L.B. Heise,	303.00
" " "	257.00
Tunker, Nottawa,	15.00
Mrs. David Cober,	5.00
Tunker, New Dundee,	82.00
Abram Baker,	10.00
Tunker, Rainham,	15.00
Jesse Baker,	10.00
Maple Grove, Tunker,	42.25
Tunker, Percy Sta.	139.50
	<u>878.75</u>

Amish Mennonite.

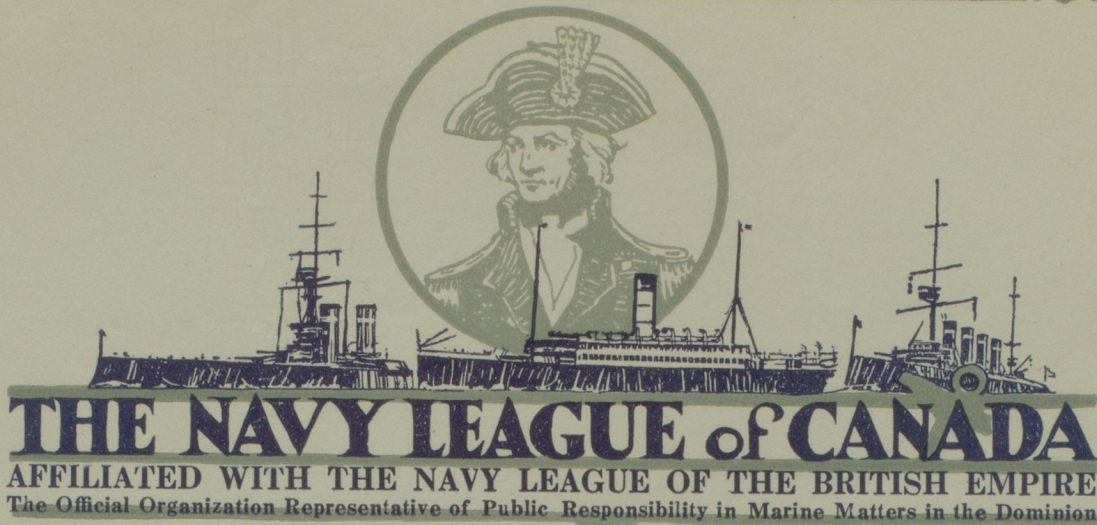
East Zora, A.M. per Jacob Bender	700.83
Mennonite, Milverton per Kuepfer,	57.00
A.M. Milverton, per Kipfer - Yantzi,	141.00
Amish Mennonite, Poole,	170.00
<i>Wellisly A.M. Cong.</i>	<u>171.25</u>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<u>140.08</u>
<i>N.R.R.O. per S.F.C. Treasurer</i>	<u>575.00</u>

Markham, Ont. Mar. 28. 1921.

Dear brother S.F.

I have copied the items as given above from the Globe as I noticed the reports. I watched rather carefully until along in Feb. when there appeared no reports for a while and I ceased looking. During the 14th week or so the reports have again appeared and I have noticed several substantial items. I do not think, for a moment that I have a complete list of the gifts made as a result of our appeal. I think you should ask for a report from the five denominational Treasurers. It is their duty to send them to you. If you fail in getting full reports from them then the above, with what other items you have, will give you at least a partial sum total. I am not sure that I have classified these amounts accurately. I trust your meetings today and tomorrow will be a success.

Fraternally,



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December 17th 1920

Revd. Louis J. Burkholder,
 Markham, P.O.
 Ontario.

Dear Sir: Markham

Our representative, Mr. Gustar, has, upon his return to the office advised of his visit to you, and of the very courteous and generous treatment he received at the hands of yourself and other gentlemen whom he was privileged to meet, and I beg to express on behalf of this Executive Committee, their very sincere appreciation of the same. I also learn that we may hope to receive a very generous contribution from your Community on behalf of the great and important work we are doing for the widows and their dependents who are now receiving the care and consideration of this Organization, and we shall, therefore, look forward, with much interest, to receiving your very favourable reply.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,
 Believe me to be

Yours very truly,

Cecil G. Williams

Lieut. Colonel
 Director of Organization

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 \$5000.00*

Markham, Ont. July 19. 1921.

Elder Samuel Goudie,
Stouffville, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

I have before me a letter from a brother
Ewert a Mennonite minister from Manitoba and also principal of the
Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna Man. He expects to reach
to reach Toronto and come to Markham the last part of this week. He
is delegated by his Conference to lay before representatives of the
various bodies of Mennonites in Ontario certain proposals relative
to the military question as it affects us. I would like to have
him meet both you and brother Thomas Reesor soon after his arrival.
If you are at home will you kindly call me late Friday evening or
early Saturday morning that we may plan where to meet you. If you
are not at home will Mrs. Goudie please to let me know as to where you
you are and when you will be at home.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. July, 13. 1921.

Thomas Reesor,
Pickering, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

I have before me a letter from a brother Ewert, a Mennonite minister from Manitoba and also principal of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna Man. It was his plan to visit the Ontario Mennonites last year and lay before representatives of the various bodies a proposition from his Conference upon which they desire us to give an opinion. Because of sickness in his family he was prevented from coming last year. He expects to reach Toronto and come to Markham the last part of this week. I do not know what further plans he may have but if you are along here on Friday eve. or Saturday morning I wish you would stop in and we will talk matters over with him. From correspondence from his last year I understand that he wishes to counsel regarding matters related with the military question as it affects the Mennonites in Canada. If you do not call I shall feel it my duty to have him see both you and brother Goudie before he leaves Markham.

Your brother,

Markham, Ont. July 29. 1921.

S.F.Coffman,
Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother, Greeting:-

When I was at the dedication service at Roseville last Sunday I discussed with brother Bohrain Snider the sum of money he turned to the N.R.R.O. recently. I understood you that that you placed it into the relief fund. That money was gathered by our people for the expense fund and was placed into the hands of our Conference Treasurer because our church gathered more than our share for expenses at that time. He would have turned it all into the expense fund of the Relief Organization at the time he placed some \$40 but I advised him to hold until we would see how great the need for expense money would be. The Anish brethren also did the same. Brother Snider also understands it as I have stated it.

Perhaps this \$67.83 should have been held until the Conf Ex.Con. could have passed upon the matter, but I think not necessarily

I made this proposition to the brethren Oscar, M. Haliman and M. H. Shantz, members of Conf Ex.Con. that you be allowed to take at least \$25. or the amount of your expense to Ottawa, and place the balance of the 67.83 to the credit of the Expense Fund of the N.R.R.O. They agreed to it and thought the matter need not come before Conference body.

There might be objections to the Relief body paying your trip since it was not ordered from that quarter. I think this plan is perfectly honorable and acceptable. Take enough to cover all your expenses.

Fraternally,

New Dundee, Sept. 16, 1921

L. J. Burkholder

Dear Bro. Greeting

At our Ministers' Meeting at Kitchener on the 8th inst. a resolution was adopted requesting each congregation in our district to appoint some one to solicit donations to help to relieve the Famine in Russia. We do not know to whom these donations had been better sent, Is our Ontario interdenominational still in existence? If it is could we through it, get it to the proper place? Or would it be better send our money to the Russian Relief Association of our Church in the U.S.? It does not look at present as if the Americans through Mr. Hoover could distribute funds from Canada, at least our papers do not say any thing about it.

Please write and say what you think would best be done under the circumstances and oblige
yours affectionately
David Bergrey

Markham, Ont. Sept. 21. 1921.

David Bergy,
New Dundee, Ont.
Dear brother:-

Yours inquiring about the sending of funds for the suffers in Russia to hand. Yes the Non-Resistant Relief Organization is still in existance but not very active. Last year we made an appeal to the churches in behalf of the China Famine and found a hearty response. We directed that the funds be forwarded through the ordinary channels and only the amounts be reported to our Treasurer. S.F.Coffman is at present the Secy-Treas. of our Organization and I am sure that he will forward to the proper place any moneys sent to him. I think, however, that it would be just as well for your congregations to send your gifts direct to brother Vernon E.Reiff, Elkhart, Ind. who handles the funds for our Mennonite Relief Commission for War Suffers. He forwards the money to Constantinople for our Russian unit there. These brethren are hoping to enter Russia by the south and minister to our brethren in South Russia. The Hoover forces are entering at Riga and will operate from the north. May the hearts and hands of our brethren be opened wide to help needy Russia. God bless you in your efforts.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. Nov. 21. 1921.

S. F. Coffman, Sec-Treas.
Vineland, Ont.

Dear brother:-

After consultation with brother Goudie it has been considered wise to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of this body for the purpose of considering the wisdom of issuing a General Appeal for funds for relief. Russia, I suppose is the principal field to demand our attention at present. Since we had no Annual Meeting last spring there may be some routine business to go over. Other matters may arise in the meantime for our consideration. Each member of this Committee should feel free to introduce any question of his own selection.

You will kindly issue a call at once for a meeting of our Executive Committee to be held at the Wideman Church, Markham on Wed. Nov. 30. at 9.30 a.m. Those wishing to be met at trains should notify the undersigned. I think you should have a complete report of the China Famine Fund of a year ago.

Ralph Fretz was in the meeting last evening and he asked me for a duplicate of a Church letter which was granted to him by the Wideman congregation about 14 years ago. This was at the time of his going to Vineland. He now thinks of joining the Presbyterian Church and cannot find his letter. I told him we do not do business that way. We have no way of knowing his life during these years. From what I know of his present standing I could not recommend him to another Church. If they want to receive him it must be without my signature. I told him that he likely was received at Vineland and therefore cannot find his letter because he presented it to you. Kindly let me know where your records place him.

Fraternally,

Markham, Ont. Dec. 1. 1921.

Mr. Warwick,
Soldier's Aid Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I remember your offer to give to the Non-Resistant Relief Organization a detailed description of a few needy families that have been helped through your kind offices. Our Executive Committee met here yesterday and I made mention of the work your Commission is doing. I could only speak in a general way. If it should please you, when writing your letter to me, to make a few carbon copies I would be glad to place a copy into the hands of each member of our Committee. There are six members in this body.

Sincerely,

Chairman.