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Ignorance is the curse of God. Knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.—Shakespeare.

INSTANT RESPONSE

IMMEDIATELY on learning of the full extent of the flood tragedy in Ohio The Journal, with the aid of the two Ohio societies in Portland, opened subscription lists and invited contributions.

The response has been to the amount of close to five thousand dollars in three days, the large majority of the donors being people of comparatively small means.

In addition to the sums raised by The Journal and the two Ohio societies the Chamber of Commerce has received about \$9000.

The Commercial Club members have added several hundred dollars to the Portland contributions and through several other channels relief sums have gone forward.

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The Journal desires to express its thankful recognition of the liberal answers to the call printed in its columns three days ago.

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construction and development of railroads will not stop. These being the facts of the case we cannot doubt that the tentative openings of the great shipping lines to regular ocean traffic with this city will be converted into permanent business for us with the trans-oceanic world.

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THE CARPENTER'S SON

From the Memphis News-Scimitar. On Good Friday the banks closed, the exchanges closed and commerce, in its most concrete manifestations, halted and suspended.

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