



Type of Starving Boy Who Meets Relief Train

"In the morning, while it was yet dark, of the 5th of August, 1921, our relief train pulled into the city of Erivan, which nestles at the foot of Mount Arrarat," states J. J. Handaker, Oregon director of the Near East Relief. "I arose early, for I wanted to see the mountain of which I learned first at my mother's knee. Forty miles to the south of us it reared its snowy summit, 2000 feet higher than Mount Hood. I remembered how God had promised never again to destroy the world by water and how there should always be seed time and harvest. But we had been traveling in the midst of starving people, for while the Almighty God had kept His promises, the god of war had taken his devastating course again and again over that land.

"My meditations were interrupted as I looked on the other side of the train by a boy dressed in indescribable rags, a boy whose face bore every promise of usefulness could his life be spared. He had come down to the train with some companions, hoping to get something to eat and our cook was handing out handfuls of scraps from our plates of the night before. The boys had taken them greedily and eaten them.

"During the next thirty-six hours we were to see hunger to the point of starvation and suffering beyond

description. About the time I was seeing this boy a number of my friends had gone out through the city of Erivan and by chance had wandered into the great city park, where hundreds of adults and children were just waking up to a day of hunger and starvation. We had been in the Near East for several weeks and we thought we had seen so much suffering that we were hardened to it, but these men came back to the train in hysterics. The sight of hundreds and hundreds of children waking up to a foodless day was more than they could stand, and they were sobbing like children. To their frenzied demand that food be taken to the warehouses and given to the children they were told that we had taken every child into the orphanages that we dared to take and any further additions to the orphanage would imperil the lives of the children we already had.

"That night, just before our train left, a woman, who was doing her best to care for seventy or more of the children in the park, came and begged us to take them off her hands. With breaking hearts we said to her what we occasionally hear in this country from those who do not understand, 'There are so many calls these days we just can't help everybody. We must draw the line somewhere.' You see, we are out at the other end of the line, and we learned that fearful day at Erivan that when the line is drawn in this country, the other end of the line reaches out to the Near East and ties the hands of the faithful relief workers.

Cables received the last few weeks indicate that 45,000 children face the winter without adequate supplies and that thousands of Christian people are still fleeing from their homes in Turkey. A million lives have been saved in the Near East by America's help, and that help must be continued for at least a few years, until the children are able to care for themselves and the great powers have made a home for the refugees.

INJURES FINGER

Mrs. Robert W. Roberts, who recently returned from an extended trip East, is suffering with an injured finger. She is under treatment of a physician and cannot account for the stubborn condition of her finger, which continues to refuse to respond to treatment. It is believed her finger has an old-fashioned "run-around".

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It is surprising (but why surprising?) to find how beautiful some of these poems are. Not all of them. Many of them but too clearly echo—both in cadence and inspiration—one after another of the "great society." Here one senses the influence of Shelley, there of Swinburne or Wordsworth. But what does this say but that the artist was a "young" artist and not yet entered into his estate? Very youthful, too, in his submission to the influence of didactic allegory.

The original and purely conceived poems remain. Their execution is very deft, their metrical quality warm and faultless, their thought mournfully, delicately patterned, like petal shadows thrown upon a shoji screen by moonlight. An old, impassioned sadness flows through them. Nor are they without bitterness, but is a bitterness that has been worn smooth by fate.

The love poems are humble, chastened, sincere. They have limpidity and fragrance. As is ever true of the love lyric, they take their beauty not from innovation of thought, but from the realm of emotion. 'They possess, too, that deceptive simplicity that stands the wear of repeated reading. Very tenuous and lovely is one of these, beginning:

"Dream on, for dreams are sweet,
Do not awaken!
Dream on, and at thy feet
Pomegranates shall be shaken."

A finer imaginative quality and deeper emotion are revealed in another poem, into which is woven the added flavor of time.

"Tonight we sit where sweet spice winds blow,
A wind that northland lacks, and never shall know,
With clasped hands and spirits all aglow,
As in Arabia in the long ago."

"The robin sounds a beggar's note," is quaint and felicitous as it descends from the difficult uplands of abstract emotion. This little poem, called "Comparison," is incomparably beautiful.

"The robin sounds a beggar's note
Where one the nightingale has heard,
But he from whom no silver throat
Its liquid music ever stirred,
Deems robin still the sweetest bird."

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