DESTITUTION IN KANSAS.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

The undersigned, citizens of Kansas, would call attention to the following statement of facts:

During the year preceding the 1st inst., a terrible drouth has prevailed throughout the interior of Kansas. A narrow strip bordering on the Missouri River has had occasional showers, and has yielded a fair crop. Some other small and isolated districts have also had light showers, and raised a part of a crop. But residing, as we do, in widely separated localities, we believe that four-fifths of the cultivated land in the Territory has not yielded the smallest crop of any kind, except a little corn fodder.

In our localities the best yield of corn does not exceed ten bushels to the acre; not a potato or vegetable of any kind has been raised; gardens have proved an entire failure, although they have frequently been replanted. Fields have been resown to wheat, then buckwheat, then turnips, and all a total failure.

From personal observation and intercourse with people from various localities, we are satisfied this is, with the above exceptions, the condition throughout the Territory.

The inhabitants have not old crops on which to rely for bread. Last year's vegetables of course are consumed. The wheat was either used for seed or ground for food. Nearly all the old corn has been fed out, or was sold last spring, at from twenty to twenty-five cents a bushel. Not one farmer in twenty has a peck of old grain.

Nor is there money to buy bread. Our people have expended all available means in making improvements. The commercial disaster of 1857 left us stranded. The tide of returning prosperity has relieved our eastern friends. The Mississippi Valley is rapidly righting. But the first wave has not reached us. Now comes the loss of our crops, and with it goes our hope of returning prosperity.

We only make these statements because duty compels us. Loving the good name of our adopted home, and fearing that the truth would injure us, the inhabitants of Kansas have waited through weary months of doubt without making known their fears or their wants. Even now those living in the favored localities, above alluded to, write hopefully of the future.

This drouth is an exception in Kansas. To this fact we have the explicit testimony of missionaries who have lived there from fifteen to thirty years.

But the terrible fact confronts us that *many* thousands of our people have no bread and little clothing for the coming winter. While some of them will be enabled, by great sacrifices of property, or by the timely aid of relatives at the East, to live through the winter, there is a very large number who must be aided by the public, or suffer the last extremity of famine.

There is little in Kansas to divide, but that little will be shared with the destitute; but beyond all this, much will be required.

We, therefore, in behalf of our starving countrymen, appeal to the benevolent throughout the nation. Christian friends, we ask you to imitate the example of Apostolic times, and help your needy brethren. Brother man, we reach out to you in this extremity and implore relief.

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We endorse this appeal for aid from our fellow citizens of Kansas, as one of real and pressing importance. We hope an immediate and generous response will be made.

Wherever this appeal comes, let a contribution be at once sent in to Dr. Thomas H. Webb, No. 3 Winter Street, Boston. He will forward the same to the County Committees, chosen by the people of each respective County, to be distributed by them to the destitute.

We ask all ministers of our churches who are willing so to do, as soon and as effectually as possible, to interest their people in this matter, and in such way as they shall think best, secure their contributions.

Of course it is optional with all who give to send their contribution through Dr. Webb, or by some other way; his name is mentioned, that all may see that there is a way in which they can be sure of reaching their fellow citizens of Kansas.

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