

The Work of the Red Cross.

Miss Clara Barton Speaks About the Sea Islands.

To the Editor of the News and Courier: If no other services call for my pen this morning, it would be a sufficient motive that it comes to thank you for the graceful, manly and cordial note of yesterday, which will always hold its place among my treasures of elegant literature, asking for a personal audience for your correspondent for some facts concerning the work which has recently been brought to a close, after one of the most prolonged sessions of relief known to any field of disaster.

It was under this conviction that I passed to your correspondent the petition which I observed he has published, copies of which had been sent to me by persons who refused to sign it, for the reason above named, as harmful to them and unjust to others.

The reasons issued have been as follows: St. Helena, 6,724 persons; Ladies' Island, including Coosaw, Coru, Morgan and adjoining smaller islands, 3,500; Hilton Head, including the twelve islands in the group and adjoining mainland, including Bluffton, 2,875; Paras Island, 597; Port Royal Island, 4,668; Kean's Neck, situated on the mainland, including Coosaw and Pacific phosphate districts, 1,437; Hutchinson Island district, including Bennetts' and Missetboro Points, Fenwick, Seabrook, Bird's, Sampson and other smaller islands, 3,238; Edisto, Wadmalaw, John's and adjacent islands, 8,000. The above figures do not include the special issues on the mainland of 34,000 in number nor the regular labor rations of 6,500, which is a double ration.

I say that I was more than willing to leave all this useful detail to other hands, inasmuch as the subject which I desired to present is of a different nature concerning the general points of welfare and, may I say, reputation of South Carolina, and addressed to the people of all this grand and goodly State of old renown. Proud and chivalrous, all the world knows that it must be hard and distasteful for her to accept help under any considerations, and it is only in the fury of an elemental rage as when the earth crumbles under her, or the seas roll over her, that any one essays to attempt it; and it was for the reason, if no other had been needed, that I came personally to stand among my workers, and see to it that the Red Cross, at least, bear in all it did a demeanor of delicacy and respect, where it must extend its aid. I believe it has done this.

It cannot be necessary to repeat at this late day that I was asked by your Governor to accept the charge of the relief of the sufferers of the sea island, of whom it was said there were thirty thousand who would need aid until they could raise something to subsist upon themselves. This was accepted with great hesitancy, and only in view of the fact that no other body of persons in all the land appeared to assume the responsibility, and with the cordial, unselfish and generous support of the advisory committee of Charleston and Beaufort, to whom our earnest thanks are due, the work has been carried on to a successful conclusion. It later developed that an equal number of persons, both white and colored, residing on the seagirt coast of the State, now known as the "mainland," were nearly as destitute as the islanders, and many of them equally storm swept. Finding these people appealing to us, and well knowing that, in the depressed financial condition of the entire United States, we could not safely take on this double charge, we memorialized the South Carolina Legislature in November; and the people, also under our advice, petitioned for a little aid to get them through the winter. The Governor also recommended the suggestion.

For some reason, which we never knew, no response was given. We never questioned this, but redoubled our exertions to meet the wants as they came by single rations issued upon application, until our books show an issue up to June let of over 34,000 to the needy white and colored on the mainland of the State, from Charleston to Savannah. No applicant, unless detected in absolute imposition, and this after having been repeatedly served with all he needed for the time, has ever been declined. Our thirty thousand sea islanders have received their weekly rations of food, they have been taught to distribute their own clothing, making official report, and have done it well. They are a well-clothed people, and over 20,000 garments have gone to the mainland. Thousands of

little homes have been rebuilt, or repaired and are occupied. Over 245 miles of ditches have been made, reclaiming and improving many thousands of acres of land; nearly five tons of garden seeds, producing all varieties of vegetables in their well-fenced gardens of from a quarter of an acre to one acre and more for each family, with 800 bushels of peas and beans have been provided. These seeds have been distributed on the islands and to every applicant from the mainland; 1,000 bushels of Irish potato seed, 400 bushels of which went to the mainland; 1,800 bushels of seed corn, 800 of this distributed on the mainland. Those provisions, with a revival of the phosphate industries, the fish in the rivers and their boats in repair, have served to make the 30,000 sea islanders, whom we were asked to take charge of nine months ago, a prosperous and self-helping people. They know this and realize that they can take care of themselves, and we can but regard any attempt at throwing them again upon the charities of the outside world as demoralizing; misleading and fatal to them, as a self-supporting and independent class of industrial people, and a matter which should concern the State whose wards they are.

It was under this conviction that I passed to your correspondent the petition which I observed he has published, copies of which had been sent to me by persons who refused to sign it, for the reason above named, as harmful to them and unjust to others. The charge proper of the Red Cross is given up, only when the people of the Islands and the right and wholesome spirit of self-help considered that they were ready and able to care for themselves and generally offered to share their scanty rations with the less fortunate on the mainland. I hope never to forget the tender tone of these plying voices, as with a generosity worthy the highest type of Christian benevolence, they repeatedly rang out: "Oh, gib it to dem, we can get along with a little less."

The so named mainland is another matter, and one with which we have legitimately nothing to do, and fail to see how it has, or has had, legitimately anything to do with us. The odd bits of painful relief which have been drained from us from time to time have not properly served it. Among the small farmers and rice growers there must be people still in the need of help; not only the negro who through all the generations of serving, and your paternal care for him, clings to you with a tender solicitude which you cannot throw off, and would not if you could, but your own race and color as well.

People of South Carolina! Let me for once put by all official relations which I may hold to any organization, forget relief, forget everything but the simple individual fact that we are people of one common country, which should be the grandest in the world, and which rests with us alone to make it so. Remembering that I know no section, that in the labors that have come to me, the nations of the world and their strange tongues have become my own, that for thirty-five years I have known no home in this country, but its capital, which our 65,000,000 may all claim as home, that all States are alike to me, that the glory and good name of one is to me the glory of all, that the neglect of a duty in one, its failure to reach the high water mark of action, either individual or general, is to me the failure of all; in this light let me, I pray you, brothers and sisters of South Carolina, speak this little word of caution, and pray this little prayer of love and devotion before I leave you.

I realize the throes of internal dissension which are rooking you from centre to circumference. I deprecate this as you do. I see how impossible it will seem to you to take note of any lesser matter till this seething, bubbling pot of political discord is still; and yet, brothers and sisters, it will be for your credit that you turn a single glance at this little strip of misery, degradation and want hedging you like a sea wall, and take some concerted and elevated step to wipe the spot out. Don't let politics touch it, they have had enough to do with it already, but give the reins of thought and action for one day a little humanitarian effort, State and National respectability, nay, pride if you will, and the thing will be done. Surely South Carolina don't want to see her name go out on the beggars' role for her few water-soaked poor. The blood of the Pinkneys, the Rutledges, the Marions, the Laurenses, the Ellitots, the Horrys, the Pickens and Huggers and a score of others equally illustrious does not willingly in ordinary times appeal to the Knickerbockers to send them bread, whilst their thousands of dollars go out day by day in senseless burials, and at night in meaningless bonfires!

Turn, oh, South Carolinians, Americans, proud Americans! Set your feet upon this little disgraceful want and stamp it out. Let me leave you with a consciousness that you have taken up the remnant of work I have left, and will do it so much better and grander than I have, that I shall blush as I look back at mine.

Release as well another woman's hands, toiling faithfully for months on the same field, and honestly asking help from all the land. Remember that it is the Christian martyr blood of the Mathers that is coursing in her veins; she can do no other, and no less. Come to her aid, good people of the State, take the burden from her tired, trembling hands, and let her rest.

Finally come to your own aid, and let me leave you feeling that the best

and the grandest star in the diadem of States gleams on the brow of South Carolina. CLARA BARTON. Charleston, S. C., June 24 1894.

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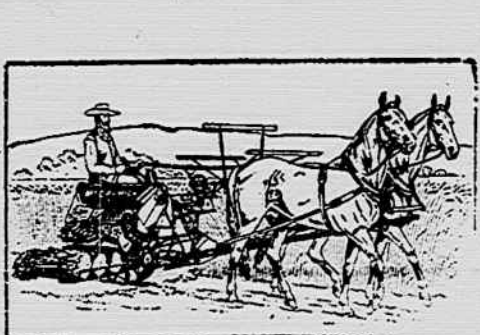
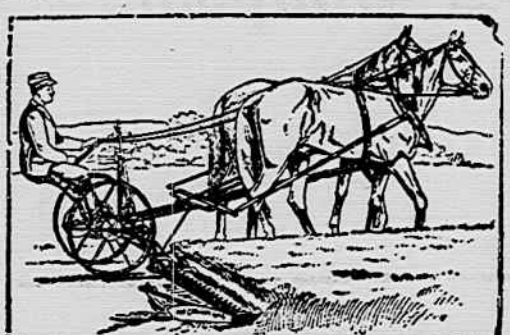
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