

ONE MILLION LIVES LOST BY FAMINE.

Of the terrible famine in India it now appears that half had not been told. The details received were bad enough, but later and more complete accounts far surpass anything previously recorded. The *Friend of India* of November 29th contains the following:

Mr. T. Ravenshaw, Commissioner of Orissa, has sent to the Bengal Government a report of the famine in that province. Never has so heart-rending a picture been drawn. An official whose bias, if it exists, must lead him to tone down the horrible facts, estimates the loss of life from want of food and its consequences at from 500,000 to 600,000, and in some places at three-fourths of the whole population. This is among the four and a half millions of Orissa alone, where the official reports show the deaths to be still going on at the rate of 150 a day.

The mortality was not less severe proportionally in the adjoining district of Mindapore, with its population of more than half a million. In Ganjam, with nearly a million of people, the calamity was comparatively light, but famine, disease and debility swept away thousands. The same is true of Chota Nagpore.

We have a reliable record of the deaths of paupers from famine-stricken districts in Calcutta. Add to these the mortality in the other districts of Bengal, from Saugor Island to Patna and the borders of Nepaul, and we have a record of the loss of life which exceeds in horror and extent that of any one of the six great drouths of India during the last century. Before the destroying angel takes its final flight the tale will have mounted up beyond a million known deaths. This is worse than in the great famine which carried off 800,000 people from the Northwestern Doab in 1838.

We have reason to believe that the most terrible of all recorded afflictions of this kind, that of 1760, was not more ruthless in its murderous work than this which still demands its daily holocaust. For the greater part of that million of deaths has occurred, not over a wide extent of territory, nor among millions of people, but within an area not larger than that of England and Wales, and among a people who do not exceed six millions in number. No plague, no black death, no yellow fever, no great physical convulsions like the most tremendous earthquake on record, has engulfed so many victims. The last famine, of which Baird Smith was the alleviator and historian, carried off half a million, or only a twenty-sixth of the thirteen millions affected, and the starvation price of food was never higher than 7½ seers the rupee. This, ere it closes, will have swallowed up a sixth of the people, among whom rice was not to be had at all, and for many along month not lower than 6 seers the rupee.

THE DEPTH OF SNOW.—According to a Yale College professor who writes to one of the New Haven journals, the heavy snow of last month, though unusual, has many parallels. He says:

The amount of snow which has fallen in the present season is greater than has fallen in the same time during several of the preceding years, but not so great as has been recorded in several former years. According to the record kept for the Connecticut Academy, by President Day, there fell in the month of December, 1802, thirty inches of snow, and in January, 1805, forty-three inches, making over six feet of snow in two successive months. I estimate the snow which fell in December of the present season at ten inches, and in January at eighteen inches, making twenty-eight inches for the two months, which is less than half the amount for 1805. The fall of snow in January, 1821, was estimated at thirty-four inches; and in January, 1806, at thirty-one inches; and during the twenty years commencing with 1804 there were fourteen instances in which the fall of snow in a single month was as great as eighteen inches. Indeed the fall of snow this winter would not have attracted attention as being specially remarkable, had it not been that for several years past the amount of snow has been unusually small, and also that this year we have had an unusually long continued low temperature, which has prevented the snow from wasting.

Dansk Læsning.

ET BREV,
tilsendt et dansk Blad i Staterne.

Mens Sneen i Faner har spærret min Dør,
Og Ingen paa Gaderne vove sig tör,
Jeg sidder saa sunt her ved Stoven;
Men da Tankerne ikke kan spærres af
Dør,

De foer viden om Jord—ja til Dem, Hr.
Redaktör,

Jeg er Dem maaske lidt forvoven?
Dog undskyld min Frihed at skrive Dem
til,

Lidt Nyt herfra Utah jeg haaber dog vil
Deres ærede Læsere fornöie.

De veed vel, at Utah, den Stakkel, er
dömt,

Fordi hun om Velstand og Lykke har
drömt,

Fordi hun har Dyden for Oie?

At Onkel vil tugte det vanartige Barn,
Ja pidske tilgavns det forgiftige Skarn,
Som trodsler de kristne Sæder?

Hun stoler paa Guddommen! hvor tör
hun det?

Hun har Profeter? ei, ei, vil man se!

Sin Magt hun stadigt udbredter!

Hun ymter om Skjøger, hun har ei en!

Bebreider mig Vellyst, hun kalder sig ren!

Og Spillere helt hun foragter!

Hun tror man mig snyder paa hver en
Façon,

At jeg er troskyldig, la'er dem go along,

Mens hun efter bedre Ting trænger?

Det er en Fornærmeelse saadan en Snak,

Er hun bedre end Andre? jo jeg siger Tak!

Jeg kan ei forstaa hendes Fagter.

Hvad har hun isinde, den næsvise Tös?

Vil hun vække mig op af min rolige Dös

Og rive mig Magten af Haanden?

Sine Søstre hun sigter for Hang til Likör,

I Salt Lake hun lærer, man drikke ei bør—

Det skulde da være af Aanden!

Jeg skal hende lære at lystre mit Bud,

Jeg hende fortærer med Haar og med
Hud,

Hun skal ikke mer existere!

Det Sted, hun beboed, skal blive en Ork,

Hendes Glæde skal spilles, hendes Sjæl
blive mørk,

Og nævnes hun skal ikke mere!

Saadan er Stemningen mod den Forladte,

Saadan bedömmes den stakkels Forladte,

Af Dyder og Goder man ser ikke en.

Men Utah hun er nu saa saaregodmodig,

Og tænker det samme om Andre igjen:

At Onkels Ideer og Sjæl er saa blodig,

Den Tro står ei Rödder hos hende, min
Ven.

Onkel er pirrelig som alle de Gamle,

Og hele hans Vrede betragtessom Skrömt,

Hans Blik er ei klart, han begynder at
famle

Efter den Lykke, hvorom han har drömt.

Det er blot nogle faa af hans vanslægtede

Sønner,

Som skrämmes den Gamle ved höilyse
Dag,

Han lader sig narre af hyklerske Bönner

Og firer bestandig—fordi han er svag.

Iseer et Connor, McGrorty og Præsten

Og ligessa Weller og Titus med Fler,

Som ivrer saa kjærligt for Staten og
Naesten,

Indtil af Pengo der ei gives mer.

Lidt Løgn og lidt Ondskab, lidt Tort og
lidt Skjænsel,

Var Midlet og Lønen, men hvad siger det?

Naar Greenbacks og Smiger—Skurkenes
Længsel—

Kun flyder rigt, gjøres Uret til Ret.

Det er dette med mer, som gjør Onkel
saa galen,

Det er dette, som ængster den aldrende
Mand.

Han ser ei, bag Sønnernes Ore er Halen

Af listige Ræv, men Andre det kan.

Hvad siger vel nu de fortrykte Mormoner,

Som trues og krænkes paa alleslags Led?

Vil de sig omvende, gaa fra deres Koner

Og adlyde Djævelen i Zebaoths Sted?

Nei, tro ikke det! de er ikke saa rædde,

Destoler paa Guddommen nu saasom før;

De har før været trued af graadigste
Gjædde,

Men endnu de lever med alt sit Behör.

Man vil gjøre vort Utah til Part af
Nevada—

En Mo'er har jo før maattet redde sit
Barn—

Den Spæde har Gjæld og kan ei gaa alene,

Utah har Grunker, og er grumme erfaren.

Men set nu det gik som de Vise har
ønsket,

At Begge blev Et, udea Splid eller Meen,

Mormonerne stemmer saa underlig enigt,

Og faar fire Delegater istedetfor en!

Montana og Idaho stolte har vraged

Alt Mel og alt Flesh fra de Helliges By;

Nuvæl, de ei vraged, da Hunger dem
plaged,

En anden Gang maaske vi kan hjælpe
paany.

Mens Andre med Glubskhed grov efter
Guldet,
Vidumme Mormoner vi grov efter Korn;
Mangen en Reisende, pjaltet og hullet,
Har takket vor "Dumhed" for Livet
tilforn.

Alle de vestlige Stater og Egne
Var Intet idag, hvis ikke med Flid
Vort fattige Folk havde allevegne
Utah opdyrket med Möie og Slid.
Hvad er vor Misgjerning, hvad er da vor
Brøde,

At Alle os hader, belyver og slaar?
Skal after igjen vore Ynglinge blöde?
Kan De mig fortælle hvad os forestaar?
At civilisere os, det er kun Paaskud,
Gid alle laa Baand paa sit Jeg, saasom vi,
Hidtil kun vistes os Laster og Raahed,
Som ingen Civiliseret vil finde sig i.

Man ynkes saa svært for Mormonernes
Kvinder,
Spørg først om til Medynk og Hjælp de
har Trang;

Kom, se deres Oine og trivlige Kinder
Og dömsaa om de baerer Vidne om Tvang.
Men Verden ei fatter Aanden i Tingem,
Derfor man dömmer saa höiligen feil;

Vi er muntre og glade som Fuglen paa
Vingen,
Finder ingen Forhindring eller Bakke
for steil.

Vi elsker vort Land og dets herlige
Grundloev,

Vi tror den blev givet ved Visdom fra
Gud;

Det smører os dybt at se den beskaaret,
At se den behandlet som uverdig Klud.
Gid Hadet og Fordom maa lægges tilside,
At Statsmænd maa dömme med Kund-
skab og Aand,

Saa Følgerne af den Daarskab de indser
itide,

Som paalægger Brödre unyttige Baand.

Engang Buchanan han slog sig for
Panden:

"Skal Magten jeg holde, da offer jeg
Fanden

Utah og hele Mormonernes Leir,
Dog er det uvist, det skaffer os Seir.

Blive vi stilled for Sandhedens Fakkels,
Til Skjænsel vi vorder, og jeg, arme
Stakkels,

Nytte ei faar af min nedrige Plan,
Og frakjendt jeg bliver hver Smule
Forstand."

Alle foragter den sölle Forraeder,
Smaastater i Syd for hans Triedskhed
end sveder,

I Mørke og Dynd hans Stjerne sank ned,
Landet vist aldrig vil gjenfaa sin Fred.
Beskytte os gjorde dengang Jehova,
Naar Ulvene tuded og Faarene rev;

Ingen kan vide, hvad nu han vil gjøre,
Ei til Fortvilelse end han os drev.

Mere Forstand bør de Overste dyrke,
Vil de ei strande paa Buchanans Skjær,

Lovene skjærme og Retsfærd bestyrke,
Hædre Patrioter trods Lögneres Hær.

Utah har udalt sin Mening om Sagen,
Hun evigt ei sviger, hvad hun har for-

kyndt,

Skaffer en renere Slaegt frem for Dagen,
Maaske den kan fuldbyrde, hvad vi har
begyndt.

Noget saa Stort kan Verden ei skatte,
Bedre se til—til man lærer at fatte.

Ærbödigst

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N.B.—Naar nu den sidste Afdeling af Digtet
Leses fra overst til nederst paany.

Men ikkun et Ord af hver eneste Linie,
Saaser De vor Tanke, beskedene og bly.

FIRST ADVICE TO A MARRIED COUPLE.—First, there must be no anxiety about a livelihood. Whatever the income on which you can rely, resolutely live within it, resolutely keep a surplus ahead, resolutely keep out of debt. This is the first condition. There is no enjoyment at home, or of the thousand beautiful things in this world, with the anxiety of poverty. Live poor, work hard, forego all luxuries and any attempt at elegance, until you have achieved the practical independence of an honest and assured subsistence.

—A learned judge being asked the difference between law and equity courts, replied: "At common law you are done for at once, at equity you are not so easily disposed of. One is prussic acid and the other is laudanum."

—Long ago, in Massachusetts, it was the custom for a person to go about the meeting-houses during divine service, and wake up the sleepers. "He bore a long wand, on one end of which was a ball, and on the other a fox's tail, When he observed the men asleep, he rapped them on the head with the knob, and roused the slumbering sensibilities of the ladies by drawing the brush lightly across their faces."

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