OKLAHOMA'S SUFFERERS.

How Crops Were Successively Planted and Destroyed.

Even Mothers Seek to Give Their Children Away to Save Them From Starvation—A Call for Help.

SALT LAKE CITY,
June 12th, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Noticing your editorial, "Oklahoma Destitution," which appeared in last evening's issue, I wish to add some few facts. The position you have taken respecting the destitute condition of the settlers of Oklahoma is correct, and the scenes there are but tamely portrayed. I have been watching developments for some time, knowing well the condition of the people, and would gladly have urged emigration on the part of our Saints there, that they might escape the now pending troubles, could I have felt justified in so doing. We are already overdone here with unemployed, and it seems to me some are getting so homeless here, that they have no room in their hearts or homes for the poor of other places.

Some action has been taken to relieve the Oklahoma Saints, and a lively and sympathetic interest is being shown on the matter. Elder Arthur N. Walker, president of the Oklahoma jurisdiction, has been instructed to assist the starving Saints with what mission means he has, until further aid is sent, and means be devised for the permanent relief of worthy people. The number of Elders laboring there may be reduced for the time being.

I wish to say that notwithstanding the poverty of the settlers of Oklahoma our Elders have freely shared their hospitality. Of course, of late they have paid their way mostly, preferring to make rather light work for the people any of the little they had. It is earnestly hoped that the sympathy of the people will be drawn out toward the sufferers of that land, and that national aid will be forthcoming.

In the year 1889 Oklahoma territory was commenced; about one and a half million acres of land was bought by the government from the Seminole Indians for the settlement of friendly tribes, but not being used for that purpose, it was thrown open for white settlement. Subsequently other reservations have been added, and in the fall of 1893 the Cherokee strip, comprising 8,000,000 acres, was added. During this six years about two hundred and fifty thousand settlers have located in Oklahoma, the great majority of whom were very poor. The first few years there was plenty of rain and everything seemed prosperous, but the last two years crops have been almost a total failure. When we take into consideration the many hardships incident to pioneer life, coupled with the sting of blighted expectations which the sister states of our western borders can readily imagine the sufferings of the Oklahoma people, in some instances farmers have sown and planted their fields and gardens several times, each time the seed drying up and blowing away in the dust. A little rain came about the first of May, which proved only an aggravation and stimulus to false hopes. Garden stuff came up only to be dried out afterwards, and to delude the poor people longer in a starvation-threatened country. They took new heart and commenced planting anew planting again. Now all their hopes are gone. The season is far advanced, even with the rains late in January to warrant, to develop crops.

One of our past faithful families, within the last week: "We would be glad for anything, even old clothing, or anything to help keep us alive." Brother Taylor tells me how, in the city of Guthrie, the capital of Oklahoma, where there are about fifteen thousand inhabitants, he (Taylor) tried to get work for an Indian; she could not get even pails sewing to do. He also tells of a poor woman who was trying to give her child to anyone, saying she could not stand that better than to see them starve.

It is gratifying to learn that some of our saints sold their possessions some time ago preparatory to a move, and which in the kind providence of the Almighty I believe the faithful saints will get safely through, as a reward for their faithfulness. Shall our country be learning a lesson? Shall our country be learning a lesson? Let us read a few more of the heart-rending letters of suffering fellow creatures. I believe the railroad companies would act with free transportation, and if a united effort on the part of those in charge, the entire land will be saved the people of this favored land never have to know what hunger means.

ANDREW EQUIBLE.

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CARD FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

SALT LAKE CITY, June 5th, 1895.

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WILFORD WOODRUFF,
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First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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