

The Terrible Famine in India. Here is a picture of life in the famine stricken regions of India, by a Madras correspondent of the London Times. Even the most accurate accounts that come from the best sections of Punjab are tame by the side of this: As I write there comes before me a woman with two children, the woman in the last stage of exhaustion, one child at the breast, with the face like a little wizened old man, and its body a mere skeleton, the other child a little girl of five years of age, extremely emaciated and feeble. With this family are two girls, both miserably thin and famine stricken, and with their strength quite spent. They all speak with voices that are thin and screeching as if far away, just as happens in patients in the last stage of cholera. A little warm soup, and bread and milk for the children revives all of them in a wonderful way. After a rest they get a meal of curry and rice, and are sent off in a cart to a relief camp. Standing at the door of the relief camp, I can in half an hour count hundreds of wretched creatures who have hardly strength enough to drag their weary limbs along. These are the men, women and children, who are sent from the relief camps, for whom the government provides courses of relief; but the people will not rest quietly and conserve their energies. They drag themselves, wander and their feeble children about, wandering from camp to camp, until the time comes for them to die and die they do. Death in the street is getting more frequent. One day last week I saw a man, a crowd assembled near the government hospital, the people were gathered round a famine family; one of whom, a girl of seven, was dying of exhaustion. The bystanders were trying to feed her with milk and rice, but she could not swallow. In the streets at the rate of 15 to 20 a day, and the police in Madras are reporting such cases of death as common. There is a time in the people affected by the scarcity can neither exert themselves nor bear climatic changes without great peril to life. Epidemics enfeebled by long privation are very susceptible of contagion, and weather changes. The last 10 days have been a rainy time, and the mortality among the famine camps has been higher than ever.

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