

# DISTRESS IN IRELAND

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## Subscriptions to Date :

We recommend the following urgent appeal sent by the Very Rev. Father Bowden, Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, to Archbishop Mannix, of Melbourne, to the many readers of our paper. If there be any person amongst them, enjoying the fulness of this land, who still requires evidence of real want before he opens his heart and his purse strings, this cable should convince him:—

The National Aid Association urgently appeals for funds to relieve the stricken Irish families that have no hope but in the generous hearts of the friends of Ireland. Since the tragedy of Easter Week, the National Aid Association has been bearing a heavy burden. Without distinction, the Association has attempted to relieve all who were left destitute. For no doom of law should be allowed to place beyond the reach of Christian charity the families of the men who died in Easter week, or who are now confined in prison cells. The wail from desolate Irish homes and the cry of the widow and the orphan have evoked a generous response from the Irish people wherever they have found a home. The Association has, therefore, been able to do something to mitigate the distress and suffering of those who, in many cases, had lost everything but their lives. The demands upon the funds of the Association, however, have been so many and so urgent, that no permanent provision has been made for any, even of the most helpless and hopeless sufferers. The generous aid that came from Ireland and from Australia and other lands beyond the sea was barely sufficient to meet the most pressing needs from week to week. In Ireland's name, and in the name of the widows and orphans, we thank our friends in Australia for all that they have done, and we confidently look for help from those who have not yet been reached by our appeal. With the tragic memories of 1916, there will go down to other generations and happier times a record of the unflinching loyalty and undiminished love of Irishmen for the Motherland.

Signed on behalf of the National Aid Association,

RICHAUD BOWDEN, Chairman.

The Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.

The latest accounts from Dublin show that Father Bowden's Committee has to find £1000 per week in order to provide food and shelter for the sufferers. The Irish winter is fast approaching, and, no doubt, the resources of the committee will be severely taxed. Father Bowden asks that his appeal should be sent to the various centres in Australia. We are confident that he can look for a generous response. Ireland has never appealed in vain to Australia.

Already acknowledged, £2557 11s 4d.

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The following letter was sent by Mr. Cotter with his subscription of £10:— As a non-Catholic but very proud descendant of 1798 (Presbyterian) rebels, I have really great pleasure in enclosing cheque for £10 towards the Dublin Relief Fund, and I only wish I had Rockefeller's account at my bank at this sad time. God save Ireland!

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