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To the Editor:

The Christmas season brings impressively to mind the profound influence which Near East Relief, dealing with the growing generation in the lands where Christmas had its birth, is bound to have upon the peace and happiness of that upheaved corner of the world.

Nothing in the tragic and terrible decade that we have just passed through is so pitiful and unjust as what it has done to the children of so many different countries. That these helpless millions should know nothing to show them that there are such things in the world as justice and gentleness and love — it turns one's heart cold to think of it.

The orphanage work of Near East Relief comes in to snatch as many as it can from this terrible kind of start in life to try to show them that there is another kind of world from this which they know, and that it is joy to show them this world and train them to its thoughts and feelings. Every child that can be rescued from the miserable plight into which the war has forced him, will be just so much gain for the forces of order and peace and good will in the world.

It is a work which gets down to bed rock, lessening the amount of threat to the future which must lie in rearing these great masses of children to know nothing but bitterness and misery, starting counteracting forces of goodness and sympathy.

Yours truly,

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