



CHILDREN OF H. T. GARRISH,  
FALLS ROAD

relations will adjust themselves on a basis of wisdom and justice if the fools and firebrands in both races will let us alone. It requires sense and sympathy and patience to work out a reformation, but any fool can start a conflagration. A cow is not noted for mentality, but one kicked over a lamp and burned up the city of Chicago.

"The next thought I desire to impress upon you is that real greatness and progress of men, of races, and of nations are measured not by power or possessions, but by their contribution to the forces that make life brighter and sweeter for the average man. The nation or race that greatly serves, links up with the Father's will, and neither man nor devil can mar its glory or cheat it out of its destiny. Hence I urge you to hearken to the wisdom of Booker Washington when he said, 'We (the negroes) ought not to allow our grievances to overshadow our opportunities.'

"This applies with equal force to the white race. It would just now be a priceless boon to a shell-shocked world, a moral triumph that would make the angels sing and devils gnash their teeth, if all men would for a season forget their grievances, and remember only their opportunities; if they would talk less of their rights, and more of their duties; think less of what they can get out of the world, and more of what they can put into it.

"I frankly concede that, in the search for right relations, and in the climb of both races to higher levels, the burden rests upon the white man to point the way. We are the dominant race, but our very supremacy is a challenge to do justice. We cannot do the negro a great wrong without doing ourselves a greater injury. The white man owes it to his own traditions, to his own self-respect, and to his own self-preservation to guarantee to the negro the fullest protection of the law. The South, in denying to the negro any participation in the making and in the administration of the law, makes him in a very sacred sense the ward of the law. The settled policy of the South to maintain a white government, creates between that government and the negro the relation of guardian and ward; and every principle of American jurisprudence, every whisper of conscience, and every instinct of decency require the guardian to foster and protect the welfare of his ward.

"This is an hour of isms and schisms. The same reconstructionist, the Utopian dreamer, the red-handed revolutionist, are all clamoring for attention; but the one safe path for the negro to follow is the path that leads straight to the door of the white man's conscience. As your ardent friend, I urge you to put every question that touches your well-being squarely up to the conscience of the white man, and keep it there. Let it be known that you propose to appeal to no other tribunal, that through days and nights, in sun and rain, you are going to stand patiently at the door and knock; and not today, and perchance not tomorrow, but as surely as the Lord God liveth, some day that door will open wide, and every plea born of wisdom and justice will be allowed.

"Any other policy will certainly result in failure, and may result in tragedy. Radical measures of any kind will lock the wheels of your progress for fifty years. Appeal to fear, and you will reap a riot. Resort to force, and you will start up a Ku Klux Klan. Make a drive for political dominion, and the red shirt will again take the saddle. Again I say, lay your cause at the door of the white man's conscience, and leave it there, for the white man's sense of justice is your dearest hope and your surest reliance."

Miss Fuller, sister of Mr. B. R. Fuller, has accepted a position in the mailing room. She is to relieve Mr. Fox, who is leaving on the fourteenth of February.

### Again the Call Comes

*Friends and Fellow Citizens of Stanly County:*

You will remember that in the spring of 1919 we were called upon to make a contribution to help save the starving women and children in Armenia and Syria. It should be a source of satisfaction to us to know that by the efforts of sympathetic people in this country some sixty thousand children were taken care of, and as many more sick and destitute men and women. In this great work of relief, you, people of Albemarle, Badin, Norwood, and other places in Stanly County, bore a full and honorable share, contributing generously the quota named for us, and going something further "over the top." We should feel proud of this, and at the same time humble and grateful that we could help in alleviating suffering and in saving human life.

But all of war's desolation could not be remedied in one year. The ravages of the Turk and German in Armenia and Syria have been far too terrible for that. There are still 180,000 homeless, hungry children, whose fathers are dead, killed in battle or massacred by the Turk, and whose mothers are either dead or in Turkish harems. More than half a million Christian girls and women, who are in the harems, compelled to live a life which to them is worse than death, cannot be liberated until rescue homes are provided for them. We must help these faithful, suffering ones. We must aid in establishing rescue homes and relief stations.

But yet more poignant and terrible is the cry of hungry children. Many thousands are slowly dying of starvation. My friends, in thankfulness for all that we have been spared, in gratitude for the abundance that is ours, for food, clothing, and shelter for our wives and children, for homes unburned and kindred not murdered, for water unpoisoned by decaying bodies of friends and loved ones, in remembrance of Him who gave the utmost in life and in death for us, let us join together in sending food, clothing, medicines, and helping hands to minister to the suffering men, women, and children in these, the oldest Christian lands in the world.

J. E. S. THORPE, County Chairman  
Near East Relief Committee

Mrs. Mary Staton, of Albemarle, N. C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collins, 120 Pine Avenue.