

An Appeal for the Freedmen.

An effort is making in behalf of the recently liberated negro families in the valley of the Mississippi. Their present helpless and destitute condition presents one of the most urgent claims for relief that could possibly awaken the sympathies of a christian community. In the progress of the war in the South, large numbers of slaves have been displaced from their homes, and aged persons, women and children, are now pitiable wanderers without adequate resources of shelter or food. The appeal to our people for contributions of worn and cast off garments we cannot doubt will be promptly and generously responded to. Rev. W. G. Hawkins of Worcester, Mass., is an authorized agent of the National Freedmen's Relief Association to make collections for this purpose. A public meeting will be held on Monday evening next at Meonian hall, the object being to awaken an interest in this laudable and benevolent work. The Mayor of the city will preside, and addresses will be made by Gov. Cony, Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Capt. Brinkerhoff, and others. The occasion calls upon all who are disposed to co-operate in this movement to be present and lend their aid and countenance in its behalf.

In the mean time the following appeal to the ladies of Augusta has been put in circulation. Contributions can be sent in at once, and the articles will be immediately forwarded to their destination :

LADIES OF AUGUSTA.

There are 50,000 Freedmen, mostly infirm old men and women ; also, mothers and children, between Natchez and Memphis, one-half of whom will perish during this winter if not supplied with clothes ! Your old garments will save them ! We ask of you to give such articles as the following. If convenient, send them as soon as possible to the store of Nason, Hamlin & Co., Water street.

Male and female garments of all sizes and descriptions, especially women's and children's ; bonnets, hoods, shawls, old quilts and blankets ; old carpets, soft hats and caps, of all fashions and sizes ; women's and children's shoes, the larger the better ; socks and stockings ; pieces for patching ; scissors and shears ; needles, thread and thimbles ; combs and brushes, spectacles ; soap, and tin dishes. Let us have anything that will cover the naked and feed the starving. Anything to begin life with is valuable to those who have nothing ?

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