

prosecution of the war, the freedmen in their exodus from slavery, and thousands of colored women and children and old people in sufferings of the most intense character. Any pastor who would like the aid of the Association in bringing the matter before his people, can have it by correspondence with the rooms.

Here is a condensed summary of the doings of the Association:

"It was formed in New York, in February, 1862, at a public meeting held in Cooper Institute, at the suggestion of officers of the Government civil and military, who had been eye-witnesses to the necessities of the freedmen, with Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D., William C. Bryant, Esq., Hon. O. C. Leigh, Charles Gould, Esq., Francis George Shaw, Esq., William Allen Butler, Esq., George O. Ward, Esq., Rev. Mansfield French, Joseph B. Collins, Edgar Ketchum, Esq., Judge John W. Edmunds, and Wm. C. Russell, Esq., as members. Its objects are purely charitable, and relate solely to doing what it can for colored persons freed by the war. It is neither partisan nor sectarian, and invites the co-operation of all persons interested in the people whose physical and moral good it contemplates. Some two hundred thousand men, women, and children--the number constantly increasing--have already been freed by the war, all of whom are ignorant and need instructing, and many of whom--particularly the old and infirm, and women and children--are in great destitution of all the necessaries of life. The Association has already accomplished great good by the teachers, superintendents of labor, clothing, and provisions it has sent South. Every day adds to the evidence of the wisdom and philanthropy of its formation. Its operations ought to be largely increased, both as to the localities it occupies, and the amount done in those already occupied. The colored people are found to be industrious, tractable, and grateful, as well as needy. It is the dictate of common justice and mercy to aid them in their exodus from slavery. The Government does what it can for them, but needs the aid of a benevolent institution in their behalf, to say the least, as much as in behalf of the soldiers and their families, so largely and happily extended by the Sanitary Commission, the Christian Commission, and other institutions. To encourage self-reliance among the freedmen, the goods are sold to those able to buy, and the proceeds reappropriated for their benefit, whilst they are freely given to the poor. Donations of money, clothing, provisions, implements of husbandry, and seeds, etc., are solicited, and made sent to Hon. O. C. Telsh, Chairman of the Home Guards Militia, No. 1 Mercer street, near Canal, New York."

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**TO PASTORS--THE FREEDMEN.**

To the Editors of The Independent:

Permit me to call the attention of the numerous pastors who read your paper to the work of "The National Freedmen's Relief Association." To obtain all the aid we need, it is only necessary that our work and wants be laid before the different congregations. Where this has been done a generous response has resulted. Any pastor can in this way easily aid the Government in the