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notice of such young people the fact that no pioneer would accept the position of leader unless those under him could be counted on for loyalty, discretion, and, in the hour of crisis, unquestioning obedience.

'Evangelize to a finish!' is a fine rallying call and provokes enthusiastic response in camp and at conference, but its implications will demand such perseverance, such sacrifice, such self-denial, and such discipline as must inevitably thin the ranks of those who will pursue it to the finish.

### A Growing Tragedy

*'Beobachter'*

THE long-drawn-out suppression of the Jews in Germany continues unabated. To quote mere numbers of those affected conveys little, but to make contact with the suffering men, women, and children reveals something of a tragedy almost too great for words. In addition to the Jews themselves, there are at least a million non-Aryans, many of whom are Christians. To these must be added the 'Aryans' married into Jewish families. All groups are suffering in varying degrees, and their treatment is not uniform over the whole country. Trades and other means of employment are increasingly being closed, and the volume of unemployment and its consequent privation continues to increase.

The State schools have been closed to Jews, and to those of fifty per cent Jewish blood, and, although those with less Jewish blood may attend school, the conditions are such as to make it difficult. Many more special non-Aryan schools are required if the need of education is to be met. In the case of inter-marriage, the continued employment of the Aryan husband is made dependent on his divorcing his wife, with the consequent hardship for both wife and children.

Out of the forty-eight non-Aryan pastors in the Lutheran Church, only two or three have been able to retain their position owing to the attendant difficulties.

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The case, too, of the Hebrew Christians is specially bad. It has been difficult to get in touch with them as they are scattered all over the country. The few societies seeking to render help admit that they are only touching the merest fringe of the problem.

Efforts made to rent a house belonging to a Hebrew Christian, for the care of the aged and infirm, were frustrated by Government opposition. No large sums of money can be distributed and all help given has to be of a strictly private nature. The Evangelical Church is itself involved in so many difficulties that it cannot help, and the one indigenous committee at work is so financially handicapped and so restricted in its activities, as to be able to do very little.

The problem of the refugees, too, is growing more serious every day. It is estimated that there are now 33,000 of these in surrounding countries, forty per cent of whom are destitute. About two hundred are leaving Germany every month, and this number is on the increase. The International Christian Committee for German refugees has made an appeal through national and other committees in various countries, but the response has been disappointing. Are Christian people becoming callous to the suffering of their fellows ?

The Christian churches have especial responsibilities for the Christian non-Aryans of whom there are now nearly three thousand among the ranks of the refugees. The colonization scheme in Colombia has only absorbed about sixty people, and many others are ready to go, but there is only money left for a small party. Individual immigrants can enter Bolivia (La Paz) and Colombia if they pay the immigration fee. The cost for an individual is about £65. Skilled artisans, especially, can find work in these places. Others can be helped to finish their education and start in business. This, too, costs money. Many others who are destitute need immediate help and plans have to be made for their future, such as sending them to Palestine or to their relatives in other countries.

In face of all this growing need, however, a number of

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the committees at work feel that they will have to abandon their efforts owing to lack of support by the Christian public. Surely this cannot be allowed to continue, and Christian people everywhere should be awakened to this cry of distress which comes from an ever-growing number of people.

Efforts are being made at the moment to re-organize this rescue work and to make a new appeal to the churches. Everyone who has had personal contact with the situation fervently hopes that these efforts will be adequately supported by Christian men and women in the churches.

Official figures are wholly unreliable, and every effort is made by the German Government to minimize the nature and extent of the tragedy, even to the extent of denying its existence and making it difficult for the outsider to help. But there is enough evidence to show that the situation is steadily growing more desperate, and the objective is to exterminate the non-Aryan element in the German nation, or to drive them into ghettos. It is only fair to state that public opinion is not wholly behind the party policy, hence the inequalities in treatment and the influence of expressed opinion on the incidence of the laws.

The burden of this stream of refugees is falling more and more on surrounding countries, and it should be one of the first duties of the League of Nations to deal with the problem in all its various aspects. That the settlement of large numbers of refugees, who tend increasingly to become more largely destitute, presents many difficulties goes without saying, but it is the wiser policy to face the issue squarely now in order to avoid a far worse problem later on. The question cannot be shelved or ignored, and it is hoped that Christian opinion is not so powerless that it cannot keep the question alive until it is adequately dealt with by the League of Nations and the various Governments concerned.

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O Lord, who though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes didst become poor, and hast promised in Thy Gospel that whatsoever is done unto the least of Thy brethren, Thou wilt receive as done unto Thee; give us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to be ever willing and ready to minister, as Thou enablest us, to the necessities of our fellow-creatures, and to extend the blessings of Thy Kingdom over all the world to Thy praise and glory.—*St. Augustine.*