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IRISH NATIONAL AID ASSOCIATION.

ESTABLISHED MAY, 1916.

**TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN DUBLIN, AND IN CERTAIN OTHER PARTS OF
IRELAND, WHO HAVE SUFFERED AS THE RESULT OF THE RECENT
INSURRECTION.**

AN APPEAL.

No doom of law condemns to privation and penalty the relatives of imprisoned men, or the families of the sentenced Dead.

The voice of Justice forbids that injury shall be inflicted upon the innocent.

God's precepts command us to comfort those who mourn, to assist those who are bereaven, and to protect the fatherless child.

Many are the mourners in Ireland to-day, many are the bereaven, many are the children fatherless, many the homes made desolate.

Other Associations have charge of the question of general distress, and met its special and urgent claims.

Our Association appeals for immediate and national aid on behalf of another class. not included there—the destitute families of some three hundred men slain during the insurrection, of fifteen executed by Courts Martial, of one hundred and thirty-four condemned to penal servitude, of two thousand six hundred and fifty deported without trial, and of about four hundred awaiting sentence of Courts Marital. In all, there have been to this date three thousand two hundred cases of imprisonment, now diminished by two hundred cases of released captives, adjudged innocent, but not compensated for their imprisonment.

It adds to the urgency of the appeal that many of these have been deprived of their employment, and that some of the female relatives of accused men have, though entirely distinct and without reproach, been heartlessly dismissed from their occupation, and despoiled of their livelihood.

Shall the voice of Justice, then, be unheard, and the Innocent be compelled to suffer injury, without sympathy and without redress?

Shall the dictates of Christianity be despised, which announce a blessing on the lovers of righteousness and declare that those only who show mercy shall obtain mercy on the great day of perfect Justice?

We make our appeal to all human hearts, whose noble compassion can reach over every obstacle to redress wrongs and alleviate suffering, that they may co-operate in this merciful and righteous work. For the sake of our country we make it, of our Nation's honour, and of our own, so that its high repute for justice shall be transmitted by our generation unsullied to future and happier times.

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Subscriptions which, owing to the vast number of cases to be dealt with are urgently needed, should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurers, REV. FATHER RICHARD BOWDEN, Administrator, Pro-Cathedral, Dublin; ALDERMAN PATRICK W. CORRIGAN, and Mr. GORE. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to "The Irish National Aid Association."

Assistance is earnestly invited in the work of forming branches of the Association; and substantial help can also be given by spreading the system of collection books and weekly contribution cards. Information on these matters will be gladly furnished by the Provisional Hon. Secretaries—LOUISA GAVAN DUFFY, FRED J. AILAN, MICHAEL DAVITT, M.B., and THOS. J. CULLEN, M.R.I.A.I.

Chairman, Preliminary Organising Committee—LORCAN G.

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26th May, 1916.