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LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 26th, 1864.

Friends:

The white refugees from the South have accumulated in our vicinity to such an extent that our local charity is no longer adequate to their relief. They are still arriving in constantly increasing numbers, mostly women and children, and all of them equally destitute, homeless, and almost hopeless.

At present, thousands of them find a precarious shelter under old tents and huts made of branches, throughout the neighboring woods.

While the warm weather continued their wants were comparatively easily supplied, but the advancing winter will bring upon them a distress terrible to contemplate, unless speedy relief is afforded them.

Already sickness and death have begun their ravages among them, and we implore the immediate aid of all Christian people, that we may send these unfortunates, in small numbers, broadcast throughout our country, where they may be better and more easily cared for, and be, perhaps, saved from want, exposure and death.

Our only hope of raising the children of these refugees above the present ignorant and thriftless condition of their parents is in placing them where they will learn to look upon honest toil as ennobling, and so be redeemed from ignorance and laziness.

Any contributions, either in clothes or money will be gratefully received, and should be sent either to REV. J. H. HEYWOOD, President, or J. L. DANFORTH, Treasurer, Louisville Refugee Commission, Louisville, Ky.