

# Durham Must Meet Civic Crisis Today

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Durham, this morning, is faced with a civic emergency, amounting, to more than 300 of its families, to a crisis.

It has become necessary for the Durham Hosiery Mills company to suspend operations at its No. 1 plant, long one of the mainstays of Durham's industrial structure. As a result, families which have been dependent upon its operations for a generation or more, in many instances, are without means of livelihood. They know not where to turn except to their fellow-citizens. They face stark privation and want. Some have already reached that state of desperation.

In an effort to cope with a situation which menaces not only the unfortunates but the peace and sobriety of the community, the churches of Durham today are cooperating in a great movement to raise \$5,000 for their relief. It is entirely fitting that such an undertaking should be launched through the churches. When you attend your church this morning, open your heart in a generous manner. The goal will not be easy to attain. If you have not planned to go to church today, do so for the express purpose of participating in this contribution of neighborliness and mercy.

Durham, relatively speaking, is a wealthy community. The money is here. Moreover, Durham has never failed to meet, in glorious fashion, a civic challenge. The present emergency is temporary, but it is an emergency. Funds must be made available to tide these helpless people over until a readjustment is effected, probably not longer than the coming of spring. It is a civic duty which falls upon us all and which will require the response of all of Durham. Fail not in your share of the responsibility.