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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The surging sea on its surface may be swept by the storm, while only a few feet beneath the surface there is perfect calm. So in life's tempestuous experiences we may have calmness and serenity of soul even though our outward life is disturbed by the surging sea of trials and sorrows that sweep over us.

An unsatisfied conscience is the most frequent cause of the soul's unrest, while a satisfied conscience is always a source of joy. Jesus alone can give satisfaction to the conscience through His atoning blood. There was no note of discord in Jesus' life, but His inner life was characterized by harmony and peace. Jesus has promised that He will give to those who trust Him His own peace, the same peace that made His own life one of harmony and joy.

The Church is challenging 1,500 laymen to take part in one of the greatest enterprises that our Church has ever attempted. Elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, Sunday school superintendents, men of ability and consecration are wanted to present in the pulpits of vacant churches and churches that have preaching only once or twice a month, the general subject of stewardship of life and possessions, on the first three Sundays in March, in connection with "The \$3,000,000 Drive" for benevolences. Read about this challenge on pages 2 and 24 of this issue, and then "Ask God—Listen—Act!" Enlist now!

Next Sunday, February 24, is the day appointed by the General Assembly as a special day of prayer for schools and colleges. If ever there was a time in the history of the world when prayer was needed in connection with educational institutions, that time is now. The situation brought about by the world war is making it exceedingly difficult for our educational institutions to carry on their vital work, and yet if the educational institutions are not supported in this crisis it will mean irreparable loss to our land and to the world.

President Woodrow Wilson has again presented to the world the attitude of the United States government toward the world war and has pointed out anew the conditions on which peace may come to all nations. This address of the President is printed in full on page 22 of this issue and should be read by every citizen of the United States and of the world. It sets forth in a forceful way Germany's moral isolation among the nations of the world.

President Wilson's address contrasts strongly and strangely with the address made by Emperor William last week on the conclusion of peace with the Ukraine. Once more the Emperor claimed that the Lord had pointed out to him by a hard school the path by which the German nation should go, and said: "The world, however, at the same time has not been on the right path. We Germans who still have ideals should work to bring about better times." He added that "victory of German arms must be first recognized. Our

troops under the great Hindenburg will continue to win it, then peace will come." Truth, righteousness, justice, liberty and democracy—these are not mentioned by the Emperor, who defies the whole world and still insists that all nations must bow to him and to the German army as the God-given sovereigns of this world. History will study these two declarations side by side and will have no difficulty in deciding which one speaks for truth, for righteousness and for God.

While our churches are engaged in the inspiring "\$3,000,000 drive" for benevolences the possibilities for education and inspiration in Christian Stewardship through the Sunday schools should not be overlooked. Our Church is seriously studying the fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship and no avenue of approach to the individual should be neglected. For in order that the great Stewardship revival may become a reality the message must come to the individual. The Sunday school through the superintendent and consecrated teachers offers a great field for such instruction.

The Assembly's Stewardship Committee has prepared a "Stewardship Catechism" that is furnished free to all who request it. Each Sunday school is asked to devote ten minutes to the study of stewardship each Sunday for six weeks immediately preceding the annual "Every Member Canvass." Many Sunday schools are already using this catechism, but, if any Sunday school has not yet secured it, it is neglecting an opportunity potent with possibilities for the future. A post card addressed to the Assembly's Stewardship Committee, Montreat, North Carolina, will bring all the literature needed for your school. State size of school and number of catechisms desired.

The suggestion has been made by a correspondent that churches indicate their willingness to surrender their pastors for a time for special war work among the soldiers, where these pastors possess special gifts and ability for this kind of work. The correspondent writes: "Should not a church consider it a rare privilege to make such a sacrifice? Would not God strengthen the hands of those left behind and raise up leaders who would carry on the work just as successfully in the absence of the pastor as if he were with them? There are towns where there are several churches cared for by as many pastors. Could not some of these churches arrange to have their church services together, for several months, if necessary, thereby releasing one or more of the pastors for work among the soldiers?"

After last week's issue of the "Christian Observer" had gone to press and several thousand copies had been printed, information was received of the death of Rev. Junius B. French, D. D., at his home in Jacksonville, Florida, on February 9. Dr. French was born in San Antonio, Texas, January 29, 1858. He was a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia in the class of 1883. He was licensed by Western Texas Presbytery soon after graduation and was ordained in the spring of 1884, becoming pastor of the Presbyterian church at San Marcos, Texas, where he remained for three years, supplying also some

A hustlers' committee may be organized, which will look for new members outside of the regular church attendants.—Marshall A. Hudson.

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SHALL THERE BE ANOTHER EVERY MEMBER CANVASS IN MARCH?

By Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

The most important movement in the Church today is the "Three Million Dollar Campaign." Doubtless many of our churches, like my own, took an "Every Member Canvass" in December, and the question arises whether there should be another canvass in March. In the First church, Asheville, we are going to make the second canvass for at least two reasons.

First, the canvassers were very much handicapped by the unusually cold weather in December, which made their work less thorough than usual. And second, because the "Three Million Dollar Campaign" was not at that time fully under way.

We believe that there are many who will be moved by the educational campaign through pulpit, press and post-office to increase their pledges to the beneficent causes of the Church, and that many who have never embarked on the Church's system of finance will be swept into the current by the tremendous impetus which ought to be given by this campaign. There are probably more earnest souls praying that a spirit of liberality and self-denial may be poured out upon the Church than ever

before. All these circumstances constitute an opportunity which no church ought to let slip by. Asheville, N. C.

For the Christian Observer.

LIBERTY IN PREACHING.

In the "Christian Observer" of February 6, Rev. Richard D. Dodge uses parts of my Catechism on Martin Luther as a premise from which to draw the conclusion that Presbyterians are very inconsistent and un-protestant when they expel ministers who have not conscience enough to keep faith with their brethren, and treat the Confession of Faith, to which they voluntarily subscribe, as a "scrap of paper."

The Roman Catholic Church ought to have expelled Luther. It ought to have excommunicated Galileo. Protestants do not protest against that. They protest against the teachings which Luther abjured. They do not make common cause with him and lionize him because he was unfrocked, but because they agree with his views.

If Mr. Dodge ever makes such an issue with the Presbyterian Church, it ought to turn him out, or—confess, repent, and recant. And if it does dismiss him, he ought not to whine and do the baby act. Every Presbyterian is responsible for the preaching of every other Presbyterian in his denomination.

Still, there are persons who think it is outrageous in the United States to object to a German-enemy wearing its

uniform, sitting by its camp-fire, and eating his rations out of its haversack! Still, every one feels that it would not hurt the world if there were a revival of conscience in the matter of covenant-keeping. R. A. Webb. Louisville, Ky.

MEXICAN CHURCH AT TAYLOR, TEXAS.

Acknowledgment of Christmas Boxes.

There were fifteen boxes, five barrels, eight packages, nine bundles and three sacks of clothing and toys sent me for distribution among the poorer members of our Mexican Presbyterian church at Taylor, Texas. Thirty-two packages and bundles were sent out by mail or express, and fully sixty-five bundles were given out here at the mission house.

I also received \$35 from friends through the mails. The members gave \$6.50. All of which was used in the Christmas work and clothes distribution.

These gifts have all been acknowledged by letter or in person, but I wish in this public way to thank all our good friends most heartily for their help and their gifts. Everything sent us was used, and was appreciated. Some packages came from Virginia and the Carolinas, and one came all the way from the state of Washington, from a subscriber to the "Christian Observer."

Our church now has 200 members and eight Sabbath schools.

Walter S. Scott, Evangelist. Taylor, Texas.

HOW TEXAS WORKS

In the "\$3,000,000" Campaign.

We are glad to give the Church at large some idea of the constructive way Texas is raising her part of the \$3,000,000:

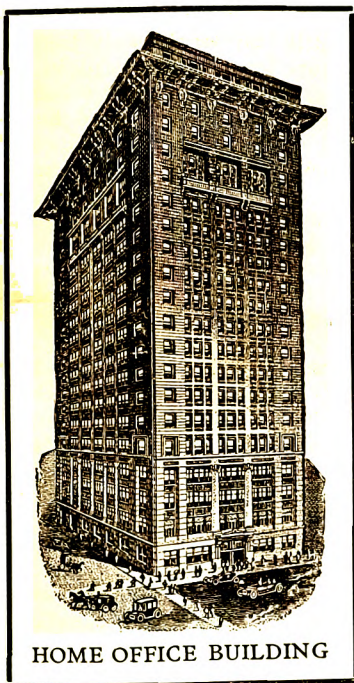
Selection of the best man available for group manager of each group; see that he, the group manager, selects the best man possible for manager in each and every congregation; several heart to heart talks with group and congregational managers. This is necessary in order to familiarize every man with his own work; see to it that the quota for each congregation is posted conspicuously and in large letters in every church; use judiciously any literature that may reach you from the offices in Montreat or Richmond; get your local newspaper to give all the space he will from week to week and you keep him supplied with copy. (You see this is a personal letter to you as manager.)

Pick your men, pray with and for them, use railroad and telegraph freely.

The Mediation Commission, appointed some time ago by President Wilson to make a survey of the labor unrest in the West, made its report a few days ago. The Commission recommends the elimination of profiteering, the eight-hour day, less inconsistency between "our democratic purposes in this war and the conduct of those guiding industry at home," and the recognition of some form of collective relationship between capital and labor.

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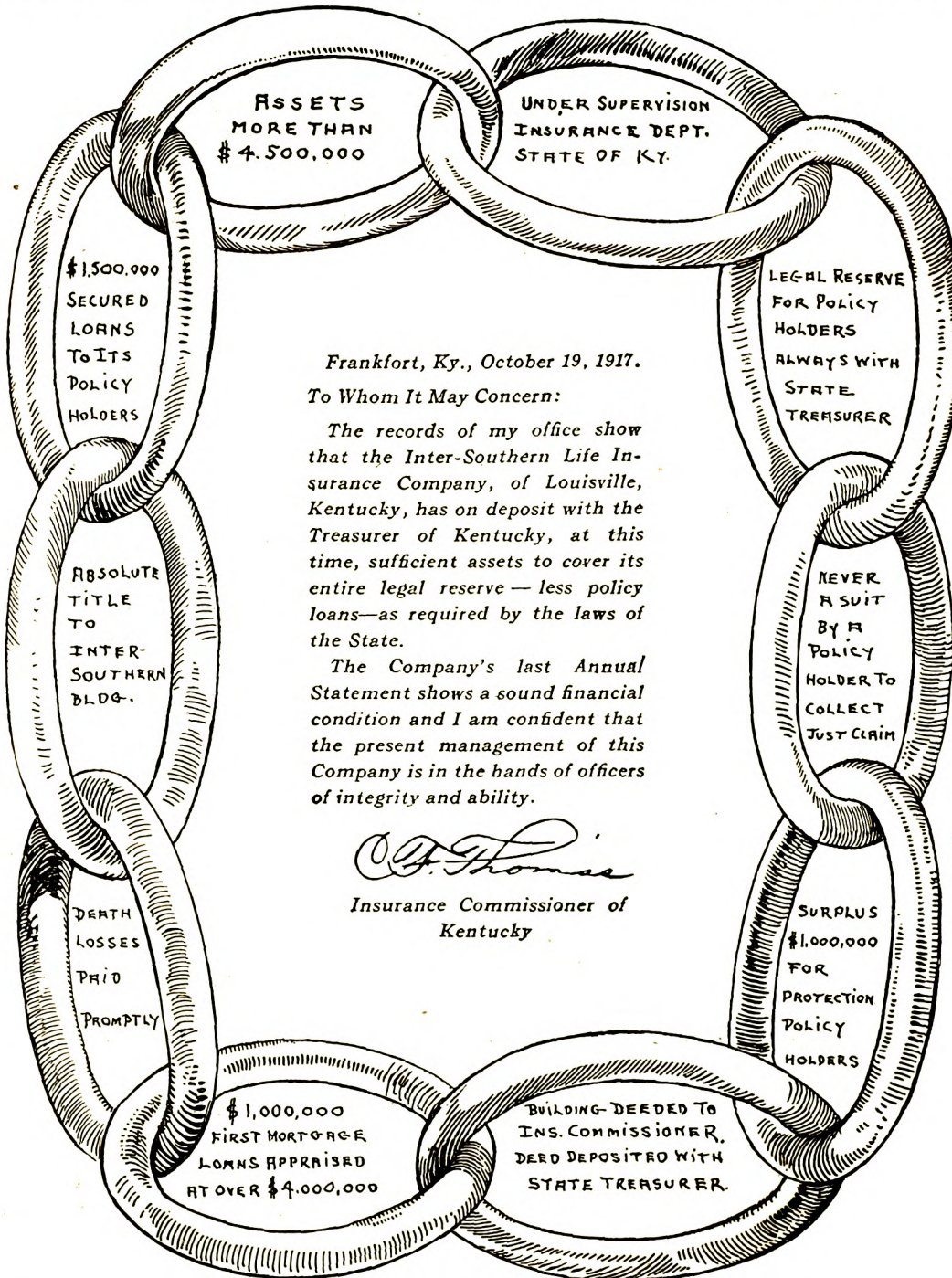
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