

# AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

From the Christian Churches of the United States.

The Church of Jesus Christ to the President of the United States.

Greeting: We are at an unexampled crisis of history. Civilization is in danger. The world points with scorn at the amazing outbreak of violence among so-called Christian nations.

Twentieth century states are fighting with the ferocity of Huns, with the cruelty of ancient Rome, with the unreason of medieval fanatics.

Never in time has such ruin, such horror been let loose on earth. Unnumbered corpses of men lie mangled in the fields. Thousand of women are widowed, their lives blighted. Homes everywhere are darkened. Poverty stalks in all lands. Pestilence follows. The judgment of Christ thunders above the wretched ignorance of nations: "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

The United States of America is the only one of the great powers of the world that is at peace.

Under your wise guidance we have so far avoided disastrous entanglements.

But how shall we use the privilege of our fortunate isolation?

Shall we merely take advantage of it to capture the markets of the world and make money out of the distress of other nations?

We believe that you believe that states are as morally bound to do right and to act nobly as are individuals. From your public utterances we know that you reject the pernicious doctrine that the nation's only morality is expediency; its only righteousness force. You have often spoken of this country's duty to "serve mankind."

Is it "serving mankind" to stand aloof when brother nations are in extremities, or get gain from their disaster?

There is but one way to serve the world at this juncture. That is to take such steps as will eliminate the possibility of future wars.

And there is but one way to do this. It is to begin the formation of the Federation of the World.

It is to substitute the court of law for the arbitrament of war in settling the disputes of nations.

It is to have one army and one navy, under the orders of this court, whose duty it shall be to prevent war and not to make war, even as city police prevent and not make street brawls.

The fundamental error is that each nation now is the judge and executioner of its own case. This is practical anarchy. And international anarchy is as horrid as anarchy among private citizens.

To continue to make treaties with separate nations is useless so long as each nation is its own judge, backing up its decrees with its own guns. The absurdity of this to be realized needs only to be stated.

The Federation of the World is not Utopian. It does not have to wait for the millennium. It is practical right now.

It is not necessary to "change human nature." All that is needed is to substitute law for violence. This we have already done in all civilized communities; and what has been accomplished in Holland and in Ohio is feasible for the whole world.

Some nation must begin the movement. This is the nation.

We are the richest country on the globe, not mixed up in any of the complications, jealousies nor rivalries of the Old World.

At the close of this war we shall have probably the naval supremacy of the world.

A proposition coming from us would command the respectful attention of globe, the most powerful in the resources of men and money.

We, therefore, earnestly petition you

to do this one thing in the name of that Christ whom you and we desire to obey.

Call upon Congress to invite all nations to join us in a World-Federation, that shall leave to each land its entire independence and that shall confine itself to the adjudication of international disputes.

We need not wait for all to come with us. Let us commence the Federation with any who will come in. We believe all the American republics will join us. We believe China is ready. We believe that, as the war wears on, the European States will be glad to escape from their deadlock and unite with us.

We are not peace fanatics. We do not stand for cowardice nor dishonor. But we do stand for law as against anarchy; and for an intelligent government of the world as against such gigantic ignorance and folly as have led the European nations into this senseless whirlwind of waste and wickedness.

And you, Woodrow Wilson, are the man to act.

We elected you. We believe you want to serve us. We believe you are listening very closely to hear the will of this great people and to do it, in the fear of God.

It is our will, and also the will of all the peoples of earth, that war shall cease; war, the supreme misgovernment, the prime stupidity; for we know that justice comes not from trial of arms, and that while princes sometimes profit from the war, the people never do.

Let our Congress issue its call to the nations. Let it back up this in sincerity by placing our armament at the disposal of this Federation. Let us spend hundreds of millions, not in fortifying our coasts, Panama, the Philippines, but perfecting the Federation.

Let us send our most representative men abroad to preach world-unity; such men as our ex-Presidents and others whose ability and distinction entitle them to a world-hearing.

We would not so address you did we not believe you have the courage, the vision and the high statesmanship requisite for this, so great a matter.

Lead us! The great American people are with you.

Proclaim the United States of the World!

## PRINCESS THEATER.

"The Lure," which has not been seen in this city since its successful engagement at the Princess Theater, will be the attraction at the Imperial Theater next week.

The play, while based on the white slave question, is vastly different than many of the plays that have been written on this subject, as the author's former employ with the Federal government has confined his play to facts and to a case of white slavery that came under his personal observation.

"The Lure," while it is not generally known, was the direct cause of the celebrated Mann law being passed by Congress, as it was the play that opened the eyes of the Federal government. The play will be presented in the same high class manner that marked its appearance at the Princess Theater during its reign of success at that house.

**Italian Cigar-Lighter.**  
In a country village in Italy, Popular Mechanics tells us, we may see a slowly burning piece of rope supported on an iron stake. Its position just outside a cigar store suggests the use the smoker is to make of it. It is a crude cigar lighter, but certainly as suitable as the wooden Indian still used as a sign for a tobacco store.

**Humane Turkish Laws.**  
It is unlawful in Turkey to seize a man's residence for debt, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

**Persistent.**  
The croaker generally has little to say, but is willing to keep on saying it.—Indianapolis Star.

# Church Notes

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Paul G. Vieha, Pastor.

## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Howard Adams Lepper.

Sunday—Sunday school after morning prayer; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Holy Eucharist, second Sunday in each month.

Week days—Alter Guild first Tuesday in each month; Woman's Auxiliary second Tuesday in each month; Woman's Guild every other Wednesday; choir practice, Fridays, 8 p. m. Young People's Society of St. Andrew's, second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m.

## LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

S. R. Schieb, Pastor.

"Everything comes to him who waits" is an old and well tried saying. To the experience of Bellefontaine, O. But it is "old," indeed. We, in our fast twentieth century, do not believe in "waiting" for things to come "our way," as the saying goes, but make them "come our way." This has been true in every phase of activity, whether social, political or religious. In the years, not even a half century ago, men and women sat bewailing the circumstances and waited for fortune to turn things in such channels that they might be able to change it.

The church reared magnificent temples, with their spires pointing to the Father above, with her door flung wide, and even putting such art pieces in colored windows as "Jesus blessing the little children," or the "Good Shepherd," and then waited for the people to fill her pews. They were filled. (?) Today, progress in every phase of life teaches us not so much to rear massive structures and fill them with the preacher, a soloist and about 13, instead of 130, in the audience; but it teaches us to be filled with the love of Christ, as the business man is filled with the enthusiasm of his business proposition, and then go out and make people come our way, or, rather, "compel them to come in." Such is the spirit which the church of the twentieth century needs.

YOU come to the Lisle church, if you have no other church to go to, and make your church home with us and catch a "pinch" of this spirit of progressiveness.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., next Sunday. Preaching service at 11; subject, "The Rose Garden of God." Evening service will be announced on Sunday morn.

## GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Hold services in the Congregational church every second Sunday. WALTER BURMEISTER, Pastor.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

R. Wilbur Babcock, Pastor.

The regular services of the Baptist Church will be held as usual. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Sunday morning worship, 11 o'clock; Sunday evening service, 7:30 o'clock.

Our prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is very cordially invited to attend all of these services. You will receive a very cordial welcome.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

James Freeman Jenness, Minister.

Sunday services: Class meeting at 10 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Saturday at 7:45 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday—8 a. m., Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 10 a. m., High Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 2:30 p. m., vespers, benediction, sermon; baptisms, 2:30 p. m. Week days—Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Mass, 8 a. m. Men's Sodality meets on the fifth Sunday of the month; Married Women on the first Sunday; Young Ladies on the second Sunday; Boys and Girls on the third Sunday. Holy hour adoration every Friday from 3 to 4 p. m.

## EVANG. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE ST.

Sunday school every Sunday, 9:15 a. m. German service every Sunday, 10:30 a. m. English service every Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

Teacher training and preparatory, every Wednesday, 7:15 to 9 p. m.

Ladies' Aid, every second Thursday of each month at 2 p. m.

Young People's Society, every second Thursday of each month at 8 p. m.

Brotherhood, every first Monday of each month, 8 p. m.

Trustees' meeting, every second Monday of each month at 8 p. m. Gustav Pahl, Pastor.

## FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 6:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m. and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45.

Morning and evening worship with preaching by the pastor.

The public is most cordially invited to all services.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

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## Causes of Unhappiness.

The worst kinds of unhappiness, as well as the greatest amount of it, come from our conduct to each other. If our conduct, therefore, were under the control of kindness, it would be nearly the opposite of what it is, and so the state of the world would be almost reversed. We are for the most part unhappy, because the world is an unkind world. But the world is only unkind for the lack of kindness in us units who compose it.—Frederick William Faber.

## Goes the Limit.

When a woman is angry she tells a man just what she thinks of him—and, incidentally, just what she thinks other people think of him.

## He Should Worry!

Man at the Door—"Tell yer maw I'm the installment collector, and if she don't pay up I'll have to take the piano." Boy—"I wish ye would take the darn thing. She's threat'nin' to gimme music lessons."—Life.

## The Kilt in History.

The Scottish kilt, as an article of dress, dates back to historic times, and was originally, so far as can be figured out, merely a plaid blanket worn about the shoulders with one end gathered about the loins in cold weather. The mountaineers of the Balkans wear the kilt, and students say that the soldiers of the Assyrian kings wore a costume very closely akin to the kilt of Scotland.

## Common Failing.

"We allus magnifies de importance of our own doin's," said Uncle Eben. "A man wif a funny story on his mind imagines dat everybody ought to stop work and listen."

## Inuring Oneself to Labor.

A man should inure himself to voluntary labor and should not give up to indulgence and pleasure, as they beget no good constitution of body nor knowledge of the mind.—Socrates.

## Preserve Patch of Yew Trees.

A bit of primeval yew forest about half a mile square is carefully preserved in the Bavarian highlands of Germany, the tree, once widely distributed, having become almost extinct in Europe.

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