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EDITORIAL

Sympathy.

President Wilson has, as few men have had, the sympathy of the world. That the man whose wise statesmanship has kept the grim messenger from so many American homes, should himself have had to entertain him gives peculiar poignancy to his loss. In the presence of such affliction man feels his helplessness. Yet, confronted by such companionship of man and woman, such devotion of purpose, such union of effort, and such accord of aspirations, we realize the possibilities of the home. America has achieved distinction in many fields, but in none has she surpassed that beautiful home life, in which is found that sweet devotion that is common alike to the laborer's cottage and the President's mansion. And the President, as the laborer, will find as he takes up his heavy burden, that his own sorrows will lessen as he continues to lessen the sorrows of others. s. c.



A Change of Heart.

What has become of those blood-thirsty individuals who a year ago were so clamorous for war with Mexico? How plain then was our duty to Americans in Mexico, to property interests, to foreign interests, to our own self-respect. War was hell, to be sure, but duty called upon us to raise it at any cost. Alas, the perverseness of events! More than a year has gone by and we haven't raised "it" yet. On the contrary, such a pacific spirit has come over our erstwhile jingoes that they have taken to preaching peace to our warring brethren across the sea. Why the change? Is it not due to the mellowing influence of time? Does it not vindicate the wiser "second thought?" Who ever struck a blow in anger, or said a sharp word, but regretted it when the heat had passed? Who ever held his hand, or curbed his tongue, in the heat of passion, but at a future time rejoiced. A little time for reflection is a wonderful pacifier. Had the European nations waited a month after reaching the fighting point, before beginning hos-