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## A GLORIOUS TRIUMPH

The Church has shown what it can do when it once realizes a need. It has met a great obligation in a great way.

### HISTORY.

Mr. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, S. C., bought at a forced sale the large office building shown on this page for \$700,000. It cost more than \$900,000 to build it in pre-war times. The rents from it amount to a net income of 6 per cent. on \$1,000,000 or \$60,000 a year.

Mr. Graham offered to turn this building over to the Executive Committee of Ministerial Relief to become a part of its endowment fund at what it had cost him, and offered to give \$200,000 towards its purchase price on condition that the Church would provide the balance of \$500,000.

The Committee had \$100,000, which could be used for this purpose, so it was necessary to raise \$400,000. The condition of the offer was that this should be raised by Dec. 1, 1920.

The General Assembly, at its last meeting, accepted the offer of Mr. Graham, and directed the Committee to start a campaign to raise the \$400,000 needed. Under the leadership of its active and efficient secretary, Rev. Henry H. Sweets, D. D., this was done.

### RESULT ACCOMPLISHED.

No cause presented to the Church in all its history ever took such a grip upon the hearts of the people. An intense interest has been felt in the movement throughout all the bounds of the Church, and God's people have responded to the call in a most whole-hearted way. The results are far beyond what could have been expected.



The Graham Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

Starting out to raise \$600,000, including Mr. Graham's gift, \$777,653 was secured. That is \$177,653 was given beyond the goal set.

This all means that the ministers of the Church, who have served their day and generation and have had to retire from their work because of infirmity, and the widows and orphans of those who have been called to a higher labor above, will now be provided for as they have never been before. In this outburst of liberality the Church has shown, as it has never done before, its appreciation of the services of these faithful men and women who so willingly gave their lives to God's work and the work of the Church.

### A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

The Church owes a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Graham, not only for his princely gift,

It has given \$777,653, which is \$177,653 more than it started out to raise. The Graham building belongs to the Church.

but also for the inspiration which it brought to God's people, and which brought about this great accomplishment.

The Church also owes a debt of gratitude to its Executive Committee of Ministerial Relief and its faithful secretary, Dr. Sweets, for conducting this campaign in such a satisfactory manner, and bringing it to such a glorious conclusion.

The Church also owes a debt of gratitude to God for giving it the means and the willingness of heart, which enabled it to do this great work for Him. May this be but an inspiration to do greater things for Him in all of the departments of the work which He has given it to do.

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**B**ISHOP JOSEPH E. BERRY says: "If the 18,000 ministers of our Church would devote one week to a tactful, pushful canvass for our Church papers, and do nothing else during that time, it would be the best investment of seven days which the denomination ever made." We commend this to the careful and thoughtful consideration of the 2,000 ministers of our Church. The putting of the Church papers into the homes of the people is one of the eight objectives in the Progressive Program. It will succeed if the ministers take the lead in planning to get them into the homes of the people. Without their help, not much will be accomplished. The pastors' help is asked, not for the sake of the papers, but for the sake of the work of God's kingdom.