An Open Letter TO THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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T the close of the first six-month period for THE MELLIAND TEXTILE MONTHLY in its new form, we feel that there could be no better time to emphasize the obvious—and, at the same time, renew our own expression of confidence that the textile industry is "at the beginning of a long era of prosperity like

the periods we knew before the war."

The "obvious" is that good business is six months nearer revival than it was in January of the present year, and improved conditions are being reported even now by many of those who have been working instead of wishing.

While the most serious menace to early recovery always has been in those business men of little faith, whose fears are played upon by idle gossip which poisons the air with absurd rumors and malicious lies, we are glad to record that the rank and file of the textile industry has shown the courage, faith, determination, grit and confidence to reject this pessimism, and to work, rather than to merely wish, for an early restoration of normal conditions.

We can, from our own standpoint, look back on the last two years and recall the many falsehoods spread to halt the progress of THE MELLIAND TEXTILE MONTHLY as a publication establishing a new measure of value for the industry—and our grateful thanks certainly are due the great number of textile mill men who have understood and appreciated our deep faith and true objectives, and have given us their support. THE MELLIAND TEXTILE MONTHLY, adequately financed to meet every contingency, continues to go forward with them strongly and aggressively to better times, with a corresponding vision, determination and will to progress.

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