



OLD AND NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS OF SASKATCHEWAN, REGINA.

the mother became ill and was taken to the coast and then to Florida, where she died. A heart-broken father and three girls returned to their home. A short time after a cyclone destroyed their house and buildings; then the father became ill and the doctor ordered him to Puget Sound. When they arrived at Spokane his strength failed, and it was several months before he was able to come to Seattle, where he lingered for some time.

After relating the above she said, "Father's doctor's bill and funeral expenses are not paid; the carpets we walk on, the dishes we eat from, and even the beds we sleep in are not ours, and this assurance money is the only thing we three girls have to depend upon in this strange land without friends. How thankful I am for my dear father's forethought and wisdom." She said more, but I did not hear it. Although a strong man, I could control my emotions no longer and bade her good-bye, promising to see her again, but they moved and I lost trace of them, but I have many times thought of them and the good our agent did the day he wrote that application.

Every time we deliver a policy I feel that we have done some good. But do we do as much good as we can or should? Brother agents, let us be more aggressive and persistent. We are doing a glorious work, and in the years to come we shall view the results of our labour with satisfaction and receive the expressions of gratitude from those we have helped to pay off a mortgage on a home or kept an orphan girl from want.

Public Sentiment and Life Assurance.

Public sentiment is much behind the times.

When a man dies leaving his wife and children unprovided for, his obituary does not censure him; neither does his epitaph. If he paid his way while he lived, they generally make him out to be a good citizen, whereas he was wanting in the most primary civic duty, that of providing for those of his own household.

If he provided for his family while living, that fact is regarded as a sufficient compliance with law and public sentiment, the implication being that a man cannot be charged with the duty of providing for them after he is dead.

But it is time this view of the case was abandoned. The world has long outgrown it. In these days a man can readily arrange to provide for his family after he is dead as well as before. There is no mystery about it. Wise men are doing it every day. The science of assurance has bridged over the future, and the grave is no obstacle to a man's fatherly care.

Therefore, should not law and public sentiment advance in harmony with this new state of things and impose their penalties and censures upon those who neglect to make use of this modern method of scientific benevolence? Should not a parent who will not adequately assure his life be put in the same category with a parent who neglects to send for a doctor when his children are ill?

Inability to provide is a plea that should not be allowed on any consideration. A man who cannot thus provide is by that fact, disqualified from