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Notes and Comments.

A Hymn of Praise.

I'll praise Thee in the morning,
When all is glad and fair,
When dew is on the roses,
Their perfume on the air.

I'll praise thee at the noontide,
When nature, all arrayed
In brightest midday splendor,
Forgets the time of shade.

I'll praise thee in the evening,
Before I go to rest;
Thou dear and loving Father,
Give peace within my breast.

—Mary Chisholm Foster.

Temperance News.

Before adjourning, the United States Congress decreed that hereafter no intoxicating liquors of any character shall be sold within the limits of the capitol at Washington, a result for which temperance people have been working for a number of years.

Under the operation of the Beal law in Ohio, up to this date, 164 towns have voted on the question of saloons, and 106 have voted them out, while 58 have voted to retain them.

The legislature of North Carolina has passed a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor in all except incorporated towns, which are to have the privilege of voting on the question as to whether they will have prohibition, state dispensary or licensed saloons.

Forty-six saloons in the city of Cleveland Ohio, were recently closed within a period of twenty days as a result of a moral reform movement.

The new municipal code for the government of Ohio towns and cities debar liquor dealers and users from holding office.

The town of Everett, Pa., having a population of 1800, has refused to grant any further saloon license and the saloons are all closed.

The new license law of England is said to be working a great change in the status of the liquor question in that country and many saloon licenses are being surrendered.

About one-third of the towns of Massachusetts held their annual town meeting the 2nd of March, and out of ninety-

seven from which the returns are in 83 voted against license and 14 in favor of it, showing a considerable gain for no license over the vote a year ago.

The legislature of Maine by a two-thirds majority voted against a bill to resubmit to the people the prohibition question.

The Right Ring.

Mr. James B. Dille of New York, a noted corporation lawyer, delivered an address a short time ago at the University of Michigan in which he uttered the following sentiments which need to be rung in the ears of our college and university faculties until they find a lodgment there and thence permeate their lives and characters until they are permanently embodied therein. Mr. Dille said:

"The vital question to the young man in after years is his character, integrity, and strength, mental and moral. Not so much whether he has absorbed so much Greek, Latin, or mathematics, but what impress has the instructor and instructions made upon the character, mental and moral, of the university man? The need of the age is not more education in extent, but more educators in the true sense of the word, more character makers rather than lecturers on theory. The business needs of the present time is not so much for polished scientists and litterateurs, although they have their places, as for young men of rugged individuality, mental and moral strength."

Congressional Appropriations.

We stated in our last week's issue that the 57th Congress had made appropriations aggregating a little over \$2,000,000,000, and we supposed we were giving it correctly, but there seems to be a dispute as to the amount, the Democrats claiming the figures given above to be correct, while the Republicans claim that the amount is \$1,554,108,514. Which is correct, we do not pretend to know, but it seems strange that there should be a discrepancy in a matter of this kind.

A Great Project.

A project is now on foot to build a great intercontinental railroad from the United States down through the central portions of Mexico, Central and South America, clear to Patagonia, with branches leading off to the sea-coast on either side. The project was approved by the Pan-American conference held in the city of Mexico last summer; the late United

States Congress gave, in a general way, its approval of the plan and authorized the President to name a representative to look the ground over and determine what is best to be done, and the President has named Mr. Charles M. Pepper who, it is expected, will be confirmed by the states of Mexico, Central and South America, and who will, in a short time, devote himself to the duties thus imposed upon him. Many of the capitalists and railroad magnates of this country are said to be greatly interested in the project.

A Just Compliment.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, in an address delivered in Chicago on Washington's birthday, paid the following just and high compliment to the Southern people.

"Although my life politically and personally has been a life of almost constant strife with leaders of the Southern people, yet as I grow older I have learned not only to respect and esteem, but to love the great qualities which belong to my fellow-citizens of the Southern states. They are a noble race. We may well take pattern from them in some of the great virtues which make up the strength as they make the glories of the free states. Their love of home; their chivalrous respect for women; their courage; their delicate sense of honor; their constancy, which can abide by an opinion or a purpose or an interest for their states through adversity and through prosperity, through the years and through the generations, are things by which the people of the more mercurial North may take a lesson. And there is another thing—covetousness, corruption, the low temptation of money, has not yet found any place in our Southern politics."

Not an Orator, but a Man.

M. Guerlac of Paris pays a high compliment to President Roosevelt's oratory in the following:

To sum him up as orator, Mr. Roosevelt has become one as he has made himself an athlete—by force of application and perseverance. The first time one hears him one is disagreeably surprised at the start. But this feeling passes. There is something so frank, sincere, honest and sensible about him that those qualities predominate over his struggle with words.

M. Guerlac seems to have gone to hear an orator, but heard a man instead. The qualities of frankness, sincerity, honesty and good common sense are manly qualities and will make any speaker an orator even though his words struggle and come with difficulty and his manner be awkward and uncouth.