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ONCE again we are reminded of the flight of time. 'Tis only a few short days since we were preparing to close the "old year" and welcome in the new, which is now called old. And yet within that short flight some wonderful things have been recorded. Individually we are not able to report anything of wonderful consequence, but canvassing the country at large some great things have been accomplished. The work of science has progressed as never before. The demand for a more equitable administration of civil and moral law has been equally as noticeably prominent in its publicity and results. There is less "technique" now and more justice. The poor man may deny it, but he is gradually coming to be recognized as a less fortunate brother, who has rights that have been recognized but whose redemption lies not so much upon charity as encouragement. Moral and social problems were never of greater consequence than now, and it has really come to be illegal to be immoral or degenerate.

And so it is. As the world grows old the ideal which it will develop will always lead upward, to a higher plane of moral obligation of justice and right. There is eminent need of it. While men have advanced in civilization, their advance in morals has not kept pace with their growing intelligence and there is reason for hoping that the next human revolution will be a social one in morals, less relative hypocrisy, more genuine worth, and a wider recognized application of Truth.

This Christmas season is not a sad one. The season has been good. It has not been an extravagant one. Nature has not been over-lavish, and the cost of maintenance has about equalled the wealth produced—the income. Still it is doubtful if a more frugal use of the means at hand would not have left a substantial resource.

Labor, application, the source of all income, has not been hunting us up with a lantern but it could have been found, not many need have gone without its opportunity to supply themselves with the necessities of life and some of the comforts. So if we are not happy and even merry this Christmas coming we hardly need look farther than ourselves for the explanation. Taking one year after another there is about as much reason for good cheer and happiness one time as another, if we have only earned the right to it.

GOING around town we again have reason to congratulate the people of Lents on their local prosperity. It is really wonderful what a lot of mumbing we can hear about the condition of business, here and there.

The leading stores of the city report minimum sales, and bad collections. With us it is not so bad. In spite of the times which seem to have put a damper on prosperity in every suburb of Portland, except Lents, we have unusual evidence of reserve wealth. This has been the most optimistic year Lents ever enjoyed. There has been more money put down in this place in the last year in substantial improvements in business property than was ever spent here before, all together. That is to say, within one year we shall have invested more in good substantial, business constructions in Lents, than has been invested

here in similar property in all its history. But the year for this movement will not close until the first of June, and no telling what we will see before that time.

THE action of the city council in withholding the licenses to certain grills in the city will be approved of by all right thinking people. Just why such places as the Pittsburg Grill, Denny's, Levens, and the Louvre have been permitted to exist can never be explained on the basis of honest intention on the part of any one. The best of them are dangerous traps, enticing young people into habits of degeneracy, and the worst of them are no better than the old time dance halls and assignation houses. Men who grant licenses to such places must have a streak of degeneracy in their own veins or else far from competent to judge what is a proper standard for intelligent citizenship in morals and customs. If there are any other grills in the town the sooner they are closed the better it will be for the growing citizenship of the place, and for the safety of more mature ones. Why should a city seek to fatten its coffers by the earnings of institutions that turn out a product that will immediately become a public burden?

Success never comes to a man who is too lazy to go after it.

We know some people who are never happy unless they have something to worry about.

Christmas Dawn

By Edwin L. Sablin

How sweetly rests this winter night
Upon a waiting earth!
Until the lift of Christmas light
Shall spread the Christmas birth.
The curtain of the dusk be drawn,
And sleeping hosts afar
Shall wake to read in radiant dawn
The message of the star!

The dawn goes marching from the east
Across a joyous world
To usher in the Christmas feast
'Neath Christmas frosts unfurled.
Now swiftly on the glory spreads,
The miracle fulfilled,
To bless a myriad bended heads
And souls by Christmas thrilled.

Behold it sweep a mighty land,
Long leagues of list'ning snow;
From whitened firs to where midst sand
The poinsettias glow.
On English thatch and tile it lies,
Chateau and hut forlorn,
And frozen steppes and tropic skies
Acclaim the Christmas morn.

No region too remote for this,
Too difficult no tongue,
The Christmas wreath, the Christmas
kiss,
The Christmas music sung,
No heart with grace so incomplete,
No head with age so gray,
No hearth so poor it does not greet
The dawn of Christmas day.

NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

The crusade anniversary meeting has been postponed so that the next meeting of the Union will be on January 13, 1914.

Last year the pupils in the Lents school wrote essays on the topic, "Why Employers Prefer to Hire Total Abstainers" and other similar subjects. This work was general throughout the city schools. A student of the Peninsula school, Miss Ruth Louise Meyer, won the county prize, and at the recent National convention of the W. C. T. U. was awarded the national prize on this essay. This study of the scientific effect of alcohol has become quite general in all parts of the world, as has heretofore been pointed out in these notes, yet so great a truth cannot be too often referred to. The Emperor of Germany and the King of England have been studying the same question as the school children of the United States, particularly the state of Oregon and the city of Portland. We are all justly proud of our sister of the Peninsula school. We are glad Oregon won

in the national contest, but most of all we are glad that the children of the country and the crowned heads of the world are looking at the temperance question with the view of bettering the world through knowledge and understanding.

All temperance workers extend to Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar most sincere sympathy in their bereavement. The loss of their daughter, so suddenly removed, is a community grief as a young woman of beautiful character is a community possession of priceless value.

Daniel A. Poling, of Chicago, national temperance and citizenship superintendent of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, was a Portland boy and his mother still lives in Portland. At the recent national convention of the W. C. T. U. he made an address which is a magnificent tribute to the enfranchised women of Oregon. It is printed in full in the November 15 issue of the Advocate, on file in the Lents circulating library. Ask for it.

At The Churches

Baptist Church

Morning worship, Lord's Day, Dec. 21, 11 a. m. Sermon theme, "The Message of the Angels." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon theme, "Christ the Hand That Unites Men." Special Christmas music at the evening service by a chorus choir. Christmas exercises will be held at the Elmo Heights Sunday School, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, and the main Sunday School on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24. Rev. Wm. Spurgeon, D. D., of London, England, celebrated preacher and missioner and a great lecturer will preach at the evening service of Dec. 28. Remember this date.

J. M. Nelson, pastor.

M. E. Church

Preaching 11 a. m. and reception of members at Bennett Chapel 3 p. m. In the evening the choir will have their annual musicale. It will be one of the events of vacation which will be enjoyed by all. Epworth League 6 p. m. W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Christmas exercises by the Primary department at 9:45 A. M. followed by a treat to all present. Each one is requested to bring an apple and an orange which will be given to the Louise Home, also special gifts to the poor of Lents are desired.

Christmas sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m.

Y. P. A. at 7 p. m.
At 8 p. m. the choir composed of about 30 voices will render a Christmas Cantata entitled Holy Night.

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The exhibit was judged by Professors Schuader, Hislop and French, of the Oregon Agricultural College, after which the entire exhibit was shipped to Portland and displayed for a whole week by the railroad.

In Portland, thousands were astonished to see the corn exhibited in the shock, on the ears, in the sack, in the silo and ground into meal, this being the product of the state of Oregon, where all was spread out in convincing profusion. And now, Oregon, comes into the ranks of corn growing states.

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