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THEY WILL FIND THE WAY

In his letter to Governor Johnson, President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad company, says: "It is not by accident that railroad building has declined to its lowest within a generation, at the very time when all other forms of activity have been growing most rapidly. The investor declines to put his money into enterprises under ban of unpopularity, and even threatened by individuals and political parties with confiscation or transfer to the state."

Well, if individual investors decline to build railroads, it may be necessary for the government to do so; for certainly the public is not to be deprived of railroad facilities, simply because individuals decline to engage in railroad construction, for fear the laws may be so framed as to make the railroad the servant rather than the master of the people.

HEART O' MY HEART

Heart o' my Heart, as the day is done
Homeward I turn to thee;
Knowing full well at the setting sun
Love waits to welcome me.
Weary my feet, but I haste away
After the toil is through,
Eager to see and eager to be,
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart, we take our way
On through the fleeting years;
Snows of winter and rains of May,
Never with doubts or fears.
Smoother the path to my tired feet,
Brighter the skies of blue;
Sweeter the rest in the snug home nest,
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart, come good, come ill,
Stormy the weather, or bright,
Gleamings of love your dear eyes fill,
Shining by day or night.
Onward I go, your hand in mine,
Strong in your love so true;
Fair as the rose now the old world grows,
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

Heart o' My Heart, we side by side
Wander on love's highway;
Hand in hand whatever betide,
Trusting, let come what may.
Slowly the sun dips in the west,
Still I my way pursue
On to the goal of the weary soul,
Heart o' My Heart, with you.

—W. M. M.,

\$3,750,000 PER YEAR!



What the Passage of the New Ship Subsidy Bill Means

THE MORAL AWAKENING

Eleven years ago Tolstoy quoted a letter that had been written by Dumas two years earlier, in which the great Frenchman, with rare prescience, said: "The spiritual movement one recognizes on all sides, and which so many naive and ambitious men expect to be able to direct, will be absolutely humanitarian. Mankind, which does nothing moderately, is about to be seized with a frenzy, a madness, of love. This will not, of course, happen smoothly or all at once; it will involve misunderstandings—even sanguinary ones, perchance—so trained and so accustomed have we been to hatred, even by those, sometimes, whose mission it was to teach us to love one another. But it is evident that this great law of brotherhood must be accomplished some day, and I am convinced that the time is commencing when our desire for its accomplishment will become irresistible."

Thus it will be seen that a great philosopher in Russia and a French writer of note discerned more than a decade ago the signs of a new era. In another part of the letter Dumas said: "I know not if it be because I shall soon leave this earth, and the rays that are already reaching me from below the horizon have disturbed my sight, but I believe that our world is about to realize the words, Love One Another."

What these men saw with the eye of faith is becoming more and more evident, and nowhere is this change more noticeable than in the United States. That ethical questions are receiving increasing attention is certain. If the

awakening were confined to this country we might look for a cause in local conditions, but these conditions do not apply to Russia, and Tolstoy has not been out of his native land for years. How can we explain his indorsement of Dumas' statement? And what was there in Dumas' environment to impress him with the coming of this brighter epoch? It must be more than a national movement.

While the stirring of conscience is manifesting itself within the churches it is outside the scope of this article to discuss the evidences of it. The Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Christian Endeavor Society, the Epworth League and the brotherhoods and societies of the various denominations and branches of the Christian church—all these are at work enlisting the young men and young women and encouraging the application of Christ's teaching to every-day life.

But the movement seems to have a broader foundation than any nation or race. It extends around the globe; it reaches down and takes hold upon the heart—the connecting link which binds every man to every other man. No movement can be a universal one unless it appeals to the heart, and nothing that really appeals to the heart can be less than universal in its scope and influence.

The brotherhood of man is the slogan of the new movement, and a powerful slogan it is.

The first effect of the moral awakening is on the individual himself—an examination of self, a scrutiny of ideals, an analysis of motives and