

On Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

Three-hundred-and-sixty-five-days—but only a moment at a time. I wish you for the journey opposition, trouble, hardship, problem, defeat, failure and all the other disciplinary processes.

But I'm wishing you the mettle that goes through, allows nothing to interfere with one's determination, and that sets the goal in the utmost lights. Choose a star and conquer it. And goodness is best.

Let us be good. Goodness is not a set of regularities, cold-blooded and meticulous. Goodness is a rule of action. Weave every thought word and deed with the shuttle of goodness, and people shall be glad we're living. A better test of success in life than that, my comrade.

THE TALISMAN

Light is not the talisman— But the gleam across the fields of dawn. Love is not the talisman— But the cheer by which we fare us on.

YEAR'S NEW

The old year's gone, he has taken his toll and gone. And glad or sad we carry not. Closed is the door. And over the hills is many a mile rose-strewn or bleak across the moor.

Pray God we learn why loads are laid upon the back, and why the trails that lift must needs be steep and rough and bare. Pray God to face right soldierly all haps nor strike the flag,—o'er come! And brew our joy from bitter cups;—and forward fare, Yes, though the year be desert, and those who should play fifes of courage-silent are, and hearths are comfortless and chill.

Cannot the soul keep trust with comrades of old years who bide along the roads of memory just over the hill? Pray God we find friend's pateran along the way that lead to Gaydens of the Singing Tree . . . beside all roads.

Just over the hill (so swift is sympathy) and the soul rides fast across the moor to lift the breaking loads. Year's new! Good cheer and here my hand and (wanting me) myself to bear you company all ways along.

Year's new! Give you good journey, and I pray you lift with all world's stalwarts where the battle's stern, a rallying song.

Pateran, a Gypsy word meaning the road sign, flowers, a bunch of grass, etc., left to guide the caravans at cross-roads. Singing Tree, the Tree of Memory.

PROCESSIONAL

We are not children of the dust; nay we Are masters of the stars and fate. We can o'er come!

No gates frown 'tween us and God's clemency That lights, how far one comes, how late, Each traveler — home.

LIBRARY WORTH VISIT

ment in States. War and Navy Appeal to Tourists.

the navy library, in the state, war and navy building. A lovely place to sit and read. Like the building itself, it is thirty-three years old. When it was built England, France, Spain and Italy presented the marbles of porphyry, stone and malachite with which the walls are paneled. Mexico sent the pieces of onyx which encrust the gallery. The round stone over the door came from the ruins of Pompeii. The connoisseur in marble who visits Washington will enjoy a cult here.

In the center of the large room, lined with shelves of weighty tomes on naval matters, there is a large and important green-topped table. Around this table sit the strategic board of the Spanish-American war. Here also is the naval advisory board for the great war made their secret plans and experiments. Edison, Maxim, Miller and many others conferred over it, with the windows carefully darkened and a guard before the door.

There is a quaint side to the library. A little white-haired lady can be any time, sitting about the table of dark, heavy books, or cutting busily in her corner. This is Miss Mason, former secretary of the library. She has been in the library for many years in near noon of tea on one

to have with a book

Valuable New Metal

new invention, called conducting metal, which is said to be a great improvement on the old metal. Dr. George Giulini, the most expert in the aluminum trade, says that Philip Holland, Basel, in a recent report. This metal is produced by putting the aluminum through a special process by which it acquires special qualities and is stronger than copper and brass.

AMERICAN RED CROSS MERRY CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS SEAL IS SYMBOL OF FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

The Red Cross Christmas Seal is a little sticker about the size of a postage stamp—three colored and cheerful. When attached to Christmas letters and packages it adds to the gaiety and brightness of the Christmas season.

As a symbol the Seal stands for one of the greatest movements in history—the effort of the people of the United States to control and stamp out the grim White Plague—tuberculosis. The nickels, the dimes and the dollars that have purchased the Seal and the hundreds and thousands of dollars which have been contributed to the cause it represents, have been spent in a winning battle. The death rate from tuberculosis decreased steadily until the war. Since then the death rate, instead of continuing to go down, has actually reversed its previous trend and gone up.

This year the Christmas Seal will make a counter-attack, strive to recover the ground lost during the war and to push the death rate again into a steady retreat.

The goal of the Christmas Seal drive in New York State (Outside of New York City) is \$587,000. The Seals will be on sale everywhere December 1. Buy them. Fighting tuberculosis is everybody's business.

"LITTLE MOTHERS" BEING TAUGHT BY HEALTH MOBILE

Westchester Chapter of Red Cross Gives Travelling Demonstrations in Care of Children.

The Westchester County Chapter of the American Red Cross, co-operating with the New York State Board of Health and the health authorities of the county, is conducting a campaign of health education throughout its territory as part of its work in the Red Cross Home Service program. This work will play an important part in the Red Cross peace time program.

Child welfare is the chief consideration in the Westchester county health campaign, and besides educating the mothers in the scientific care of their children the big sisters of little sisters are being organized into a "Little Mothers' League." Its members being taught to take expert care of the babies themselves.

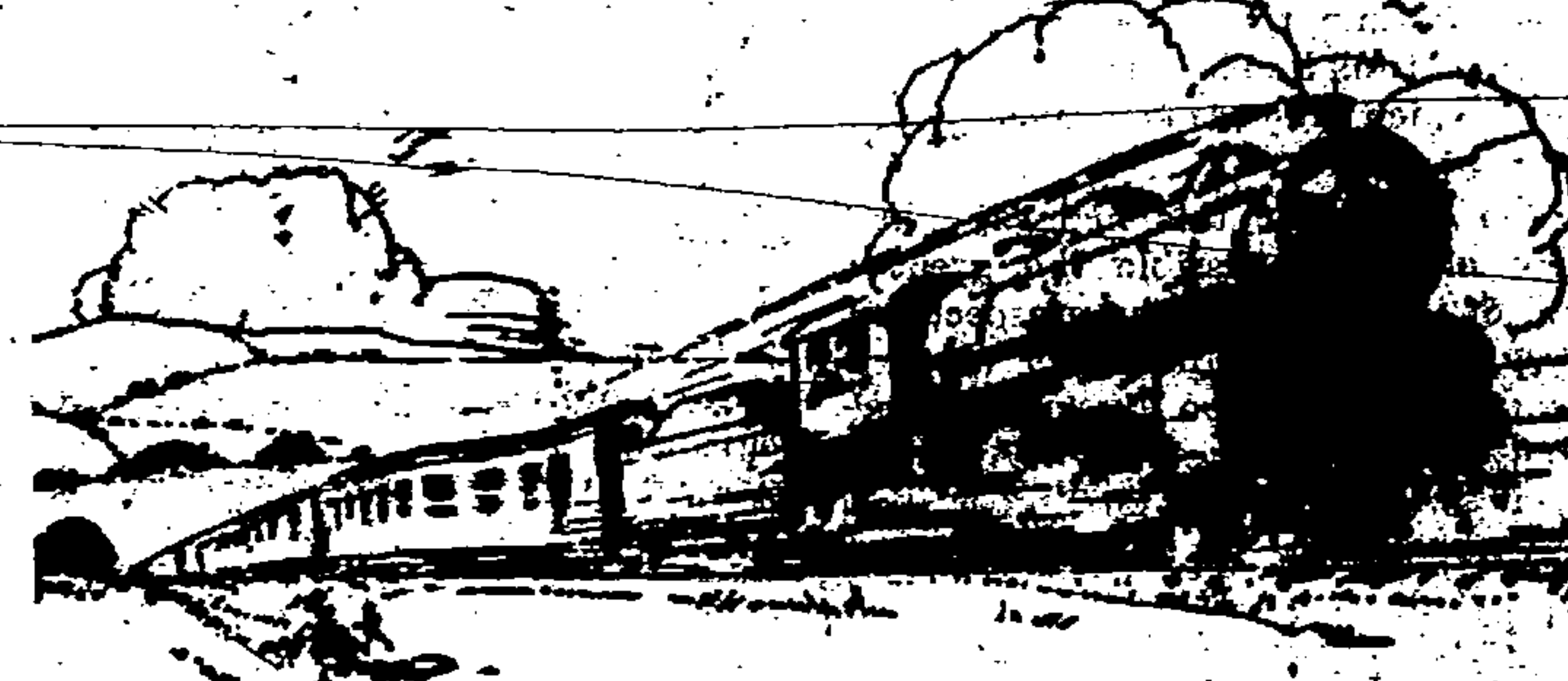
One of the Red Cross ambulances belonging to the chapter has been converted into a "Health Mobile," which is under the direction of two Red Cross nurses, Miss Winifred Noos of the Division of Child Hygiene of the New York State Department of Health, and Miss Jeanie B. Arthur. Westchester County Public Health nurse. Completely equipped with a model child welfare station and materials for child welfare exhibits, the "Health Mobile" tours the highways and byways of Westchester county, where the local Red Cross Auxiliary, the Nursing Association and the Health Department co-operate in securing for it headquarters for an exhibit.

Exhibit in Vacant Stores. Sometimes this exhibit is given in a vacant store, sometimes in the town hall or a parish house. In country districts the exhibit, with its practical demonstration of scientific care of the baby, is given from the machine, with the group of mothers and children standing around the roadside. In places where there are public health nurses employed the exhibit is placed under the direct supervision of these local nurses, and the county and state nurses act as assistants.

Is it a task to mind the baby any more? Ask Jennie or Lucy or any member of the "Little Mothers." They will tell you it is fun. Now they are not threatened with disaster if they are allowed to give their baby or give him his bath. They know how to do it as well as any mother. They learned it from the "Health Mobile" with its golden help. They will be the passive nurses of the future. They will be the best mothers of the future.

WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

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The railroads of the United States are more than one-third, carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of American borne upon American railways.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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