

ever in more harmonious submission and ministrations to each other."

While the formation of the United States gave occasion to national life, the national life has eclipsed the occasion and to-day the American people in whose veins flows the blood of all nations, whose life is the combination of all that is best in the old world with the invigorated new world modifications, whose ideas of the mission and duties of our beloved nation are based on the highest plane of civilization,—to-day this people looks forward into the twentieth century with hope commensurate with its sense of duty and right.

Herbert Spencer says, "From biological truths it may be inferred that the eventual mixture of the allied varieties of the Aryan race forming the population will produce a finer type of men than has hitherto existed, and a type of man more plastic, more adaptable, more capable of undergoing modifications needful for complete social life. I think that whatever difficulties they may have to surmount and whatever tribulations they may have to pass through, the Americans may reasonably look forward to a time when they will have produced a civilization grander than any the world has known.

With such a history, such a present and such a future, we can but repeat our glorious national anthem—

"Praise the power that hast made and preserved us, a nation."

L. E. YOUNG.



A "CIDER RACKET",

"Cider Rackets" began at State in the latter part of the eighties about the time when the "flag scrap" custom was started. At first they were not made class affairs nor was there any regularity in their occurrence, but in a few years the interest in them grew. For some time they were carried