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Weather Forecast for Sunday. WASHINGTON, June 18.—For Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Generally fair, variable winds.

AN UNNECESSARY CHARITY. The suggestion of the National Relief Commission that the Sunday preceding the Fourth of July should be devoted to patriotic services in the various churches throughout the country is a good one, but the request that at these services collections be taken up for the benefit of the soldiers is out of order.

Prospects of Peace. If present indications are trustworthy, Spain is more anxious for peace now than at any time since the declaration of war.

The Nicaragua Canal. Spain was the first country to talk of building the Nicaragua canal, and it is on account of the Spanish war that the American people have become practically acquainted with the necessity of constructing that great waterway.

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Before exhausting its funds the American company had performed a vast amount of work and had demonstrated the feasibility of its plans. We have not at hand the amount of money expended, but it is claimed by President Warner Miller that every dollar found its equivalent in earth thrown and that the project has not been accompanied by contractors' steals or dishonest stock jobbing.

The American company is asking congress for financial aid. It has made two proposals, one of which will no doubt be accepted. The first is for a government guarantee of \$5,000,000 in bonds, the government to accept a mortgage on the canal as security.

That is a very dry and dusty nature which is not touched and quickened by the closing of the school year and all its personal ceremonies. There is a peculiar firmness in the season. There should be "Summer everywhere and sunshine too," during the days which mark for so many young hearts the commencement of the broader life for which they have been preparing.

And nothing can ever change the tide of young life which rises to such heights during this wondrous week. The struggle and the weariness, the disappointment and vexation that no one escapes in any course of study are all forgotten. There is nothing now but happy excitement, and intense enjoyment in all the varied programme that closes the varied work. There is, to be sure, the sadness of breaking all the school-day ties, but youth is a sovereign power and this great shadow is somehow illumined and transformed by the faith and aspiration which look so eagerly forward and have no intention of ever looking back.

All this rosy dreaming is a beneficent element in the home life into which it enters, but just at this point there is a problem which every thoughtful guardian must pause and consider. Whatever sympathy or impetus have hitherto been given to the child of his love and his pride, there is now a larger need of it than ever before.

There are people who profess to believe that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will yet rise to trouble an American enterprise in Nicaragua. It was agreed in this treaty that any canal ever built should be under the joint control of the United States and

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Professor Sidgwick has written a couple of articles on "Practical Ethics," in the course of which he advocates "Multitudinism," by which curious term he designates the policy of belonging to a church for its social and ethical advantages even when the "theology of the church is strictly unacceptable. There is no doubt that the functions of the church are easily distinguishable as religious, theological, ethical and social, and perhaps a few more.

Multitudinism is a euphonious phrase for compromise with one's conscience. It would mean something different for every individual, and hence, perhaps, the word. For instance, Mr. Sidgwick finds that it is all right to say "He descended into Hell," because, as he explains, nobody believes it; but when it comes to "born of the Virgin Mary," he draws the line, and is unable to understand how one of his Anglican brothers, who frankly admits that he thinks that Jesus had two human parents, can stand before his people and repeat the phrase prefaced by "I believe."

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"I want to say to you, gentlemen of the convention," said Mrs. Anna Diggs, with a dignified bonnet set all awry in the excitement of the occasion, "that whatever differences there have been between myself and Governor Leedy, I will use every faculty that God has given me to support the Democratic party and its platform."

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