MENU AND METAPHOR.

Champagne and Oratory at the Peace Jubilee Banquet.

McKINLEY RESPONDS TO "OUR COUNTRY"

Twelve Hundred People Feast on Epicurean Delicies and Portable Speech in the Auditorium Rotunda.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—For the third time since the commencement the Jubilee festivities were shifted to the interior of the Auditorium, and the third and last time it was to be marked within the walls of a banquet. The banquet was the most brilliant, homogeneous and successful of those six. It was the most enthusiastic peace jubilee on the great national peace jubilee ever tendered to the President of the United States and distinguished guests by the citizens of Chicago.

No indoor event ever held within the Auditorium surpassed its brilliancy and enthusiasm in the banquet of today. The hall was filled tastefully with festoons of smilax, cedar boughs and flowers in clusters of red, white and blue, and there by clusters of American flags and Japanese parasols. In the center of the dining hall were tables for the guests of honor, while at right angles with these were tables for the twelve hundred people who sat ceremonially arranged. Upon the table was a profusion of bulbs shaded some of a delicate shade of pink, others in pink and still others in green.

Twelve hundred guests, among them some prominent in all branches of business, science and art, of brilliant repute, assembled at the tables at 6 o'clock in the evening and took leave for the fields of sweet sleep at about midnight. The speaking began down the table at the end, some time after 9 o'clock, and lasted until 12 o'clock, when, in accordance with the wishes of Franklin McVeagh, toastmaster, who announced the approach of President McKinley.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States," he said, as the President rose in response to the toast, "Our Country." Then he said:

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chicago Peace Jubilee: Your toastmaster, Mr. McVeagh, has informed you that the toast to which I am to speak is "Our Country." Its mention should be sufficient to insure the attention and the kindly consideration of this great company. Our country! Who is there among us, native or foreign, who does not love our country? Who is there among us who does not pay to the flag of our country the tribute of his heart and his allegiance? Who is there among us who does not, in his own way, and in the hour of need, if need there should be, in the hour of need, if need there should be, in the hour of need, if need there should be,