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C. H. EVERETT in the Chair. Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Plant.

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

P. R. Thom, Mayor of Appleton,  
Wis.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—In extending to you the freedom of this city the municipal authorities and citizens unite in offering you a hearty welcome. All are deeply interested in those that supply us with that by which we maintain our energy and existence. Nature and the aid of the farmer supplies the existence of all energy, great and small, from the single horse power to the harnessing of Niagara. When we consider the primitive power of energy and how it can be multiplied it is wonderful. Coal under ground

is of no use or little value, until the energy of man is applied. When the coal is brought to the surface its value and energy are quickly multiplied in connection with the modern mechanism of today, and still all in connection with the product of the soil, by the aid of the farmer by planting and harvesting, thus taking advantage of what nature in her wisdom has supplied to us for our use.

And then consider how little of the product of the soil it takes to give energy to our commercial pursuits, such as our railroads and steamship lines. In the first place we have to supply our locomotive engines with fuel which comes from the mines. A miner can mine from four to six tons