

## A MAN FROM MAINE

Chat With Volney B. Cushing, the  
Noted Orator.

Something About His Methods—Prac-  
tical, Not Sentimental.

A Young Man With Silvery Hair—A Well  
Educated Platform-Speaker  
—His Career.

Volney B. Cushing, at present in the  
city, is one of the most effective and attrac-  
tive platform speakers in the United  
States. Possessed of a striking personal  
appearance, a splendid voice, a ready ut-  
terance, an exhaustive command of facts,  
and an invincible array of arguments, he  
fully deserves the acclamations which have  
everywhere followed his deliverances.

An ADVERTISER reporter called on Mr.  
Cushing yesterday and asked for a few  
facts concerning his career.

"The lecturer necessarily be few," replied  
the lecturer modestly. "I do not know  
that there are many audiences in my ex-  
perience that afford an opportunity

comment. I was born at Winterport, Maine, 38 years ago—"

His silvery gray hair and smiled. "I see that surprises you," he explained. "I have a kind of second-hand head—white by heredity."

Mr. Cushing's handsome face, however, is as young as his age, and his finely-proportioned form is like that of an athlete. "How did you come to be—pardon me—such a beautiful speaker?" continued his interrogator.

The man from Maine disclaimed any such qualification. "I never had the benefits of any further educational advantages than were afforded in the common schools of my natal town," he said. "After having an-

17, I continued a general line of study, including extensive reading upon history, in-

"When did you commence your lecturing career?"

"I began so earnestly in my twenties when I began to speak before religious societies connected with the various churches in Winesport. This diversion from the ordinary avocations of a lawyer largely claimed my attention for several years. I extended my range of subjects. I delivered several lectures on literary topics, and on the history of the South, to which, where I remained until 1884. During my sojourn in the west I became actively identified with the temperance movement. I was elected to the State 14th U. S. Congress, and have since been placed under their auspices."

"What was the question which attracted you most in the discussion of the question?"

"My idea is that while the sentimental side of temperance may be right, the scientific and practical phase should receive more attention. There are many men who are opposing alcoholism as not mere sentimentalists and dreamers; they are earnest, practical, thinking men. It is

necessarily, then, that it should occupy more time in appeals to the reason of our hearers than to awakening their emotional

"What method do you employ in preparing your addresses?"

"Oh, I have tried almost every way. When ever I have an important speech to deliver I write down all that I can say on the subject. After a good deal of pruning a respectable effort may be evolved. This plan of work aids one in a flow of ideas, and, if judgment is exercised, prevents any prolixity or tediousness. There is such a thing as a man exhausting his subject and his audience at the same time."

"Have you never taken part in any political campaigns, Mr. Cushing?"

"Yes, I have done considerable stum-

speaking on behalf of the National Prohibition Party."

"Of course it would not be commendable in me to suggest what attitude the people of Canada should take in regard to this matter. But the conditions on the other side of the line may be different from those here. We have often in the States had candidates running in the interests of either of the two great parties who favored prohibition. In any such event we do not

interfere. But both the Republican and Democratic manipulators are too keen in their desires to secure liquor influence.

This battle in which we are engaged must continue all along the line. At every national election our party is gaining ground, and the moral and educational influence, which it is exerting, even if not represented in votes, cannot be over-estimated."

"What do you think of annexation?"

"Upon that question I would not like to

offer an opinion. I cannot say that I have ever heard all the arguments pro and con.

seems to me, however, antithetical to the publican, that it would be well if some form of commercial union could be adopted between the two countries. I stand for modified tariffs all round."

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