

### Mr. Bryan in Scotland

The Belfast Echo in a column written by "The Man in the Street," refers to Mr. Bryan in this way:

"Saul among the prophets! An American politician, a preacher of righteousness and an apostle of missions! We are so accustomed to regard American politicians, professionally speaking, as conceived in bribery and brought forth in corruption, that it seems difficult to

realize that a great politician could be a good as well as a great man, a lover of religion as well as a lover of politics. Yet from what I saw and heard of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan last night in the Assembly hall, and from what I heard of him otherwise, I have come to the conclusion that he is not only a great man, but a good man, and when he declared that he was more interested in religion than in politics, I accept-

ed his statement without hesitation or qualification.

"I have been trying to account for this characteristic so exceptional in American politicians and, I am afraid, in some of our home politicians, and I think I can do so on two grounds. One is that he was a newspaper man before he was a politician, and that he was a Presbyterian before he was either. I have no doubt the Bible and the shorter catechism, supplemented by other Presbyterian standards, made him the man he is as a thinker and a Christian. It was a brilliant speech that he made some years ago, and

especially a brilliant phrase and sentence in that speech that first suggested his name as a candidate for the presidency of the United States. And if he has not succeeded in attaining to that high eminence it is because his views on silver as a standard commodity fought against the silvery characteristics of his eloquence, and won him defeat.

"It is suggestive that Mr. Bryan and his great protagonist, Mr. Roosevelt, are both Presbyterians, one of the Dutch type, and one, as I may say, of the Scotch type, for Scotland is the parent of American as of Irish Presbyterianism. Mr. Roosevelt is

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