

## Mrs. Bryan Addresses Mothers' Meeting

The members of the mothers' associations of Knoxville, Tennessee, had their inning at the exposition Saturday, October 11, when they acted as hostess to Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the secretary of state.

Saturday was one of the very biggest of the exposition. It was Bryan and peace day, Sunday school and mothers' day all rolled into one, and by Bryan day was meant Mr. and Mrs. Bryan both, for the wife of the distinguished secretary shared honors equally with her husband, and not only did she share honors, but she shared with him in having a place in the day's program.

Mrs. Bryan spoke Saturday morning in the exposition auditorium, and Secretary Bryan spoke in the afternoon at the marble band stand. Large audiences heard both. Mr. Bryan has frequently visited Knoxville, and his genial smile and hearty handshake are well known, but this was Mrs. Bryan's first visit to Knoxville and the fact that she accompanied her husband on this trip made the great "commoner" doubly welcome.

Tall and dignified in appearance, sympathetic and interested in manner, easy and direct as a platform speaker, Mrs. Bryan is just the sort of woman one would choose as the helpmeet for one of the greatest statesmen of the day.

### Morning Exercises

The exercises in the auditorium Saturday morning were under the auspices of the mothers' associations of this city and were in celebration of mothers' day. Mrs. Bryan was the chief speaker and the large hall was more than comfortably filled with men and women out to hear her speak.

Mrs. Herbert C. Sanford, president of the central association of mothers of Knoxville, presided and made the address of welcome to Mrs. Bryan, on behalf of the mothers of this city.

Mrs. Sanford said that the people of this section were especially glad to have Secretary and Mrs. Bryan as

their guests, for they admire the Bryan ideals of Christian citizenship and that these ideals are such as the people of this section desire to see implanted in their children. "Your stand for temperance," said Mrs. Sanford (speaking to the Bryans) "meets the strongest approval of the people of Tennessee."

Miss Mary Boyce Temple, who was chairman for Peace day, and who wrote to Mrs. Bryan extending to her the invitation from the woman's board to visit Knoxville, was the next speaker. She expressed her pleasure at having been instrumental in bringing Mrs. Bryan to the city, and then introduced Mrs. Bryan.

### Mrs. Bryan's Address

Mrs. Bryan was gowned in a white corduroy tailored suit, and wore a hat trimmed with purple flowers. She is a very calm, deliberate and direct speaker. She uses no notes, and talks as if she were accustomed to addressing large audiences. Her voice is well modulated and has excellent carrying power.

Mrs. Bryan's talk was especially to mothers, and was replete with homely, practical, common sense ideas.

The speaker began by saying that she believes in woman's meetings and in woman's clubs. She said it has been twenty-nine years since she joined her first woman's club and that since that time she has maintained her interest in these organizations.

"But," she said, "my ideals of club work have changed during these years, as woman's club interests have changed. I now am more interested in topics and affairs of the day than in the study of art or poetry in club meetings. Women's clubs have made great strides in the past few years. Civic pride and a sense of civic duty have grown among women; they have accomplished many modern reforms, and the club woman of today is to be congratulated upon the progress she has made."

Mrs. Bryan said that the things we learn when young are those that remain with us, and that the mothers have the privilege and duty of teaching the race its first lessons. She mentioned four things that she said every mother should teach her children, and took them up one at a time and enlarged upon the importance of each. They were cleanliness, thrift, sobriety and godliness.

The speaker made a strong plea for the father's influence and active co-operation with the mother in training and teaching the child the correct ideals of life. She proposed that the exposition make provision for a "father's day" as it has done for a "mother's day." The suggestion was applauded roundly.

The importance of parents being what they want their children to be was then touched upon. "We cannot give out the things we do not possess," said Mrs. Bryan, "therefore the parents must possess the qualities they strive to impress upon their children. This is very important for the child will detect any falsehood and actions speak louder than words."

### Mr. Bryan Heard

Following Mrs. Bryan's address, the secretary of state was called for and although his appearance was scheduled for the afternoon, he was compelled to say a few words in the morning.

Mr. Bryan said that he was not going to spoil what his wife had said by talking himself; that this was her meeting, and if the people wanted to hear him, they would have the opportunity of doing so in the afternoon. The secretary then took occasion to pay a beautiful tribute to his wife and to motherhood in the abstract. From Knoxville newspaper report.

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