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BRYAN BIRTHDAY BANQUET

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toward Naomi, "Where thou goest I will go." I am interested in Arizona next to Nebraska. My only son, who, by the generosity of his mother bears my full name, took his young wife to that territory and I appreciate the assurance that Senator Owen's efforts have given us that Arizona is soon to be a state.

It was kind of my good friend Kern to come to Lincoln to take part in this banquet. I could use in regard to him the words employed by him to express his affection for me. While I did not attempt to influence the selection of a vice-president I would have felt justified in opposing the nomination of one in whom I lacked confidence. I would not have been willing to have my life stand as the only obstacle between the government and those representing policies which I regarded as dangerous to it. But I had implicit confidence in Kern, and had we been elected and death had come to me I could have faced it without fear, confident that all would be well with him at the helm.

And how shall I thank Mr. Clark for his generous words? I have known him for eighteen years. I have watched him climb the ladder of fame, round by round. I have seen him grow in reputation as an orator while others have been driven into obscurity. I have seen him win reputation as a parliamentarian in his battle with the biggest men on the other side. I have seen him bring our party together and throw them as a united phalanx against the opposition, and I believe that he is entitled to a large part of the credit for the congressional victory we have won. I am as proud of him as his wife, and have as much confidence in his integrity as his son.

I hope you will not think that I accept at face value all of the kind things they have said about me tonight. Possibly I might place too high an estimate upon myself if I accepted their words even at fifty cents on the dollar, the value that the republicans used to give our silver dollars. I do not allow these eulogies to inflate my self-esteem or to enlarge my head. I know how small my part has been in the great work that has been done by the progressive element of the country.

In the play known as "Chanticleer" the cock confided to his sweetheart, the golden pheasant, that his crowing brought the dawn. He felt the great responsibility resting upon him and not until the dawn came one morning before he crowed was the delusion dispelled. I shall not make the mistake that the cock did. I have never imagined that I could bring the dawn. Man is but a small unit in a very great crowd. It would require more than the efforts of one human being to usher in the great political revolution which is now working its way through the country. The cock ought to have been satisfied to awaken the people that they might see the dawn, and I am satisfied to call attention to the progress that is now apparent on every side. If I deserve any credit at all, it is for having seen the rays of the rising sun a little earlier than some others did, and for having called lustily and long to those who were asleep.

But surely I cannot claim much credit for having allied myself with growing ideas. I would have been blind not to have known that these ideas must triumph. The world is making progress in intelligence, and intelligence must bring improvement. The world is making progress toward popular government, and popular government must result in the remedying of abuses. The world is making progress in morals, and an

awakened conscience cannot but purify business, society and politics.

How different the situation is today from the situation that confronted us in 1896. I took my wife with me when I went to New York to accept the nomination. I wanted the east to know her. Whatever doubt I may have had in regard to my own ability to discharge the duties of the high office for which I was nominated, I never had any doubt about Mrs. Bryan's ability to meet the requirements of the position which my election would have given her. But I could not but notice the fact that, when a reception was tendered us at one of the hotels, scarcely a woman went by whose appearance did not indicate that she shared with her husband in the support of the family. Then we had to rely largely upon those whose necessities drove them to seek relief from the conditions that oppressed them. They were fighting for life. One day as I was traveling through Pennsylvania a man met me on the train and warmly grasping my hand said, "Mr. Bryan, you are a Presbyterian and I am a Catholic but I pray for you every night. You stand between me and ruin." Whether he was mistaken or not in his estimate of my power to help him he felt that he needed help. Now an entirely different situation confronts us. The grinding conditions of 1896 are no longer with us. The increase in the world's supply of money has rescued us from the destructive influence of falling prices. Now, an increasing number of people are viewing politics from an altruistic standpoint. They are seeking reforms not because they are themselves threatened but because they desire that the world shall be made better and that conditions shall be more favorable for the masses. Rudolph Spreckles of San Francisco spoke here a few days ago and told the story of his entrance into politics. In Boston Louis Brandeis has passed through the same experience and without compensation assisted in protecting the shippers from an attempted increase of \$27,000,000 in freight rates. George Fred Williams of Massachusetts was one of the earliest of this band of disinterested patriots, if you can call any man disinterested when the welfare of his country is at stake. Williams risked ostracism by his college friends and business associates rather than desert the cause of the common people. Frederick Townsend Martin is one of the latest recruits to this growing army. He is now warning the idle rich of the menace of their conduct. Everywhere we see evidence of the raising of the ethical standard, and those who stand for reforms have more reason than ever before to feel sure of victory.

What matters it that I have suffered defeat? The cause is growing. What matters it that the special interests threaten to prevent my going to the next national convention? I can stay at home if the party so decides. God does not require me to go to a national convention but he requires me to be a man every day of my life. I have gone to conventions in the past because those who sent me thought I was needed there. If our party does not need me now I have no reason to urge for going.

At Nikko, Japan, there is an avenue several miles long shaded on either side by stately trees. It used to be the custom of the lords to bring their gifts to the temple, most of them bringing expensive lanterns of stone or bronze. One poor lord who was unable to furnish such high priced proofs of his loyalty brought cuttings from time to time and planted them along the road leading to the temple. Now his gift overshadows the more pretentious gifts of the other lords, and he is spoken of as "the wise daimio who went into

partnership with nature." They labor most successfully who join themselves to the forces that are eternal, and these forces are easily discovered. The forces back of truth and righteousness are all powerful, and always at work, and one cannot fail if he but espouses truth and adheres to it.

But this is not my night to speak, nor is one o'clock in the morning the hour for speaking. I have shared the joy that previous speeches have brought to you, and can not express in words my gratitude for your congratulations and your words of cheer. The only cloud that casts its shadow over this bright occasion is the fear that no future celebration of my birthday can equal this. But whatever may follow I shall not forget the kindness shown by the club, the speakers and the audience tonight.

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