

the honored guest, I found myself unequal to the task, and it was with reluctance that I declined Mr. Grasty's invitation. I had an important wedding ceremony for the early afternoon, distributed diplomas to nurses before dinner time and then filled a long-standing engagement at night.

"I was anxious to meet Mr. Bryan whom I admire greatly for his attainments. He is to the present administration what Henry Clay was to the administration of his day. He is keen and even-balanced and an adornment to the present national administration. I recall that I met him at the opening of the democratic national convention, and was much impressed by him. He sat behind me on the platform, and during the exercises leaned over and introduced himself, and we had a most pleasant chat. It would have given me great pleasure to have renewed the acquaintance."

William L. Marbury was asked by Mr. Grasty to "pronounce the benediction."

"In view of the utterances of Mr.

Bryan tonight," said Mr. Marbury, "I would ask if there was ever a moment when it was more worth while to be a democrat than now. (Applause.) In view of the passage of the great democratic act in Washington today there is only one conception of the name of democrat.

"Our democratic party today is led by the spirit of liberalism typified by Wilson and Bryan. The party that refuses to move forward soon becomes one of standpatism. Public service must be for the benefit of all the people, not for a small part of the people and not for the interests of a few politicians. The trouble with this government is that the halls of legislation have been filled with men who owe their positions to public corporations. Men who hold office under such conditions do not hold it under a common confidence, but as instruments of some private interest.

"What made Woodrow Wilson so strong with the electorate of the country? What but a confidence in the man himself and in his recognition of the rights and demands of the whole people of the country?"

Mr. Marbury told of the conditions existing in New Jersey when the bills in which Governor Wilson took such an interest were pending and insisted that Mr. Wilson's demand that such bills be placed on the statute books was simply along the line of advanced legislation.

"I believe in progressive democracy," said Mr. Marbury. "Let the thing be fought out before the people in fair and full discussion. You may be sure that the majority of the people are inclined to be just and fair. You can realize that Mr. Bryan is seeking only the confidence and respect of a generous and helpful people, and I wish to thank him for coming here tonight and giving us the benefit of his advice."

"The difference between a progressive and a reactionary," continued Mr. Marbury, "is the difference between a man who is awake and a man who is asleep. Some reactionaries are asleep without knowing it. The standpatter, however, is like the man who is drunk and glad of it. He doesn't want to wake up. Almost invariably he is a man who is enjoying the benefit of some government favoritism, some personal advantage at the expense of his fellows. All this is what has come to be known in history as 'privilege.' 'Privilege' is the monster with which democracy must ever struggle."

A GREAT AFFAIR

The Baltimore Sun of the day following the banquet said: Throughout the city today men were commenting upon the tremendous human force in the speech delivered by William Jennings Bryan at the dinner given here by Charles H. Grasty last night. The general comment upon it was that it had the ring of human greatness which made one reading it this morning feel the magnetism of it, the nearness of the man. It was much more to those who heard it delivered.

To them it was quick with contact. Many of the men who attended the dinner had opposed Mr. Bryan in his political battles. They felt that they sat before a self-analysis by a great political chief—and that there was no flaw in the breadth and the sincerity of that self-analysis.

COMMISERATION

New York Herald: Washington dispatches announce that the popular administration tittle—unfermented grape juice, carbonated water, a dash of lemon, cracked ice to give it verisimilitude—has been christened the "Bryan rickey."

Shades of Col. Joe, the man who made Missouri famous! That the historic and honored name of Rickey should be dragged into this proceeding and attached to such a concoction is enough to make every southern cavalier and every true democrat shed tears of bitter anguish. It is profanation—nothing less.

Tenderest commiserations to Mars' Henry. We sincerely hope he may be able to survive the shock.

A GOOD PRAYER

A Virginia clergyman was called to dedicate a colored church in Richmond. After the services the minister called upon the colored deacon to offer the closing prayer. Here it is: "Gib this poor brudder the eye of de eagle dat he may spy afar off. Glue his hands to the gospel plow. Tie his tongue to de line of truf. Nail his years to de gospel pole. Bow his head way down between his knees, oh Lord, and fix his knees way down in some lonely, dark and narrow valley, where prayer is much wanted to be made. 'Noint him wid de kerosene ile of salvation and set him afre. Amen."—Dubuque (Ia.) Telegraph-Herald.

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