

## Generous Expressions from Friends

Below will be found extracts from a few of the many congratulatory letters sent to Mr. Bryan following the November elections:

November 17, 1916.

The White House,  
Washington.

My dear Mr. Bryan:

May I not say how much I have admired your part in the campaign and what a vast deal of effective work you seem to me to have done in the very part of the country which has now aligned itself with the forces of progress? I think all democrats are grateful to you. Certainly I am.

With warmest regard,

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON.

Hon William J. Bryan,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hamilton, Mont., Nov. 9.—I write to inform you that I am elected and I thank you most heartily and cordially for all that you did for me so kindly and generously, and especially for the very strong endorsement which you gave my candidacy in all of the speeches which you made in Montana. It was very good of you and I assure you of my very warm appreciation thereof. I also cordially thank you for all you did in Montana for President Wilson and the entire cause. President Wilson carried Montana and I know that much of the result was due to your efforts. It was most kind of you to come to Montana, where you have many warm friends and admirers and help us.—H. L. Myers, U. S. Senator.

Washington, Nov. 16.—I have delayed, until the result was certain, sending you my congratulations upon the important part taken by you in the campaign and upon the manifest result of your activity. I have not failed to direct attention to the fact that it was "Bryan territory" which saved the day for the democracy. I had numbers of men ask me why you were not campaigning for Wilson. They were astounded when I told them that you were making the most remarkable campaign that you had ever made, excepting that of 1896. It is worthy of note and remembrance that the portion of the country which is devoted to peace and which did not become greatly excited by the propaganda of "preparedness," where woman suffrage prevails and where the liquor traffic is being outlawed, preserved the democratic party. One can hardly realize that a democrat is elected President by the votes of Kansas, California, Utah and New Hampshire.—Cone Johnson.

Washington, D. C.—Just a line to thank you most cordially for the splendid and effective service you did for me and the whole democratic ticket in Tennessee in the late campaign. Our majority was the largest that our party has received in the state in many years, and you did much to bring about the happy result. The President's victory was truly wonderful.—K. D. McKellar, U. S. Senator-elect.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—A word of congratulation to you, without whose work in the west the "invisible government" would again be coming into power. Some time ago, the London Nation, in no unfriendly spirit styled you "The peasant statesman of the United States," meaning, as I read it, the statesman of the country-side folk in contradistinction to city dwellers. This election appears to have confirmed the title, by shifting the balance of national power from the Tammanies to the men and women of the prairies and the mountains, and under your influence as the apostle of righteousness and peace.—Louis F. Post.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 10.—I congratulate you upon the re-election of Wilson; your peace propaganda and your thorough campaign in the west made his election possible. During the campaign the republican papers and the Hughes spell-binders in the east and throughout the middle-west took great pleasure in publishing and iterating and reiterating that Mr. Bryan's party had placed him in a state of "innocuous desuetude," had banished him to the barren mountains and alkali plains to speak to the coyotes and the cactus. Well, "you brought home

the bacon." It did the hearts of your old time friends good to hear the crowd shout "hurrah for Bryan," as the returns from west of the Missouri river were announced. I especially congratulate you on Nebraska, no one could wish a greater victory than you have achieved there.—James A. Creighton.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 10.—You seem to have done your full share in securing a second term for Mr. Wilson, and I trust that the country will not overlook the fact. The west did it, and you won the west, assisted, it is true, by Roosevelt. But you are the one entitled to the credit and the congratulations.—V. V. McNitt.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—I can not resist the impulse to write you just a word of congratulation on the splendid work you did in this campaign and the realization of your old dream of reuniting the west and the south for real democracy. In my mind, it is the most signal and most significant triumph the democracy ever won. Now that Nebraska has adopted prohibition, one bone of contention will be removed in that state. After all that has happened, the splendid support you gave the President all over the west, and in the very states that won him his re-election, has pleased your friends more than I can tell you.—J. A. Edgerton.

New York, Nov. 10.—The papers announce this morning the final results of the election. Do you realize the republicans only carried four states west of the Mississippi, provided they retain present results? Does it not mean the scepter has passed from Wall street, and is now where it belongs,—with the producing masses of the nation? I especially wish to congratulate you on the result in Nebraska. The President carried the state by a splendid vote. You set the issue — peace, prosperity, and progressive policies. Your campaign was a remarkable one. I followed you everywhere.—J. B. Sullivan.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 26.—Permit me to thank you for all that you have done for me and for the party in Utah, and particularly for the splendid services rendered us in the recent election. Your speeches at Ogden and Salt Lake City were the features of the campaign and contributed mightily to the victory which we won. Be assured that the democracy of Utah appreciates your great services to the party, and entertains for you a deep and lasting regard.—William H. King, U. S. Senator-elect.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 15.—Among the many messages of congratulation received by me from all over the country, none has pleased me so much as the one that came from you, as no individual contributed more largely than yourself toward my success. This is clearly proved by the vote, as out of the twenty-one counties in



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the state I won sixteen, including the county of Uinta, the first place within the borders of the state where you held a meeting; and following your trail through the state I won practically every community in which you held a meeting, including the city of Cheyenne, which has heretofore been considered an impossible stronghold. The influence of your meetings early in the campaign crystallized the opinion of the people, and once they had made up their minds the opposition found it impossible to change their attitude. My appeal to you for help, at St. Louis, was one of the wisest things I did throughout the campaign, since the assistance rendered by you was the most far reaching in its influence. As much as I was gratified by my own election, I was, of course, more intensely interested in the re-election of President Wilson, and I am more genuinely pleased by the large influence upon the same that was contributed by the west.—John B. Kendrick, U. S. Senator-elect.

New York, Nov. 14.—I feel that I just have to write to you and congratulate you on the splendid showing made by the west in the recent contest. You have more friends today, in my opinion, than you ever had before in your remarkable career. The papers here that were formerly cynical in their attitude toward you have taken a different tack and your magnificent aid to President Wilson has been commented on generously.—Sloane Gordon.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 29.—Among my greatest causes for thanksgiving is your dedication to the cause of nation wide prohibition. Heartiest congratulations not only on your gloriously loyal part in the great victory for democracy, peace and prosperity, but even more on your announced purpose to help free the party we love from liquor domination.—William D. Upshaw.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 14.—To the thousands of letters that you will receive in appreciation of your services for Mr. Wilson in this campaign, I want to add mine. You so generously disappointed the hopes rather than the justifiable expectations of the old line republican politicians of this nation in your ardent support of Mr. Wilson, that you have endeared yourself more than ever to those who have always understood and appreciated your services for the citizenship and struggling masses of this nation, and the popular doctrines of the progressives of the new democracy embrace in them in the main the matters which you began urging upon the people of this country away back in the early 'nineties. I want you to know that there are millions of your fellow citizens in this nation who have not despaired, but earnestly look forward with hope to the day when you may again be our standard bearer and receive that which more than any other democrat in the nation deserves, its popular acclaim as president; and believe me that among them all none delights to more earnestly hope for that than he who loves to subscribe himself.—Jesse J. Dunn.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 26.—I just want to add my congratulations to the many you have received upon the result of the election which without your efficient help would certainly have been different, and no telling what might have happened eventually. The "regular organizations" of our party in New York, Indiana, Illinois, New Jersey Massachusetts and elsewhere have shown themselves in their true colors. There must be a new alignment of the parties in future, a conservative and a progressive, and if you can bring about this, you will surely be adding to the grand and successful work you have been doing the past twenty years, my only regret being that you are not getting the benefit or the credit for it that you deserve.—A. J. Elias.

Grand Forks, N. D., Nov. 14.—I feel sure that you made thousands of votes for the President in the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota. And if it were not for those states the President would have been defeated. I was particularly glad to see that your own state went for prohibition. I think I also remember what you said when you were here about your proposed fight in the next campaign for national prohibition, and in the speech I made a few days ago when we had a celebration of Mr. Wilson's election, I mentioned that at the meeting and told them I was going to be with you in the fight, and I surely am.—M. F. Murphy.

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