

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

When Mrs. Bryan studied law, she did it with the definite purpose of being a more congenial companion to her husband. Since her marriage she and Mr. Bryan have spent most of their leisure studying together. The habit of association has been formed and a nomination for the presidency seems to increase their admiration and dependence on each other. Southern politicians are shocked, or profess to be, by Mrs. Bryan's presence on the platform and in committee meetings as well as by Mr. Bryan's deference to her opinion. But what are they going to do about it?

Mrs. Bryan knows that her husband's strong point is oratory and he knows it. The committee knows it, too, but they are afraid that the orator's temptation to adapt his remarks strictly to the locality he is speaking in order to thrill his audience by local appeals may be too strong for their man. The reporters and the telegraph enlarge every audience to the number of those who read the papers. To have the audience rise at him, as it did at Chicago, has made the boy orator headstrong. He did what the committee advised him to do in New York and the result was a failure. The people who will vote for Mr. Bryan are those who do not read much. They have made him their darling and they want to hear him speak his best piece. Before he comes west he will probably speak to a New York audience again. Mr. Gorman has retired. To those who say Mr. Bryan will keep still if the committee tells him too, I reply in nearly the words of the famous bon-mot made in relation to the Vanderbilt-Wilson wedding—"You do not know the Bryans."

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Perrine whose home is on the Hudson. Mrs. Perrine was a teacher of modern languages in Jacksonville seminary when Mrs. Bryan was a student there. They sat next each other at table and became very fond of each other. The teacher was attracted by the unusual intelligence of Mary Baird and by her sweetness of character. The friendship, begun then, has since been kept up by letters and visits. The fact of Mr. Perrine being a republican is fortunate. It keeps the friendship free from any suspicions of future benefit either on one side or the other.

The day of the Madison Square effort, while the doctor and his friends were afraid Mr. Bryan would not be able to speak at all, Mrs. Bryan was as calm and confident as in ordinary times at her home on D street. Her steadiness of purpose would inspire a feebler determination than Mr. Bryan possesses. And he has long since shown that he can do what she thinks he can.

The account of the speech, the heat, and the gradual disappearance of half the audience was a great disappointment to the Bryanites in the west, but it steadied stocks and restored British confidence in American securities which is what Nebraska farmers chiefly need even if they do not know it and even if it makes them mad to tell them so. "No man liveth unto himself," and no amount of gingoism can establish the contrary. Hard times in any of the great nations of the earth, react upon all the others. It is a fact that the United States has more important and more extensive relations with England than with any other nation. The adop-

tion of a policy which would injure American commerce with England, would affect the prosperity of both countries, but England would suffer less than this country because of the greater contiguity of English, European and Asiatic ports. The people of the United States can do as they like with their own, to the point of destroying it, although such destruction would be hard upon the other people of the United States. It is a question with even the most violent Americo-maniacs if it be worth while to spoil our own face in order to cut off England's nose, horrid as that nose is.

Few of the New York democrats of station have called on Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and their aloofness convinced Mrs. Bryan, at least, that it was folly to trust to their wisdom in the conduct of the campaign.

When the Bryans were in Washington, during Mr. Bryan's term in Washington, they enjoyed themselves as a young couple, who have lived a secluded life, can. They went to theatres, concerts and operas all they wanted to. They lived with a family named Bride, whose house was very near the congressional library. Mrs. Bryan spent hours there reading and searching for books. After the first winter the Bryan family took the upper half of the Bride house and kept house just as conveniently as at home. Mrs. Bryan, in her leisure hours, wrote stories, some of which have been published. The "Youth's Companion" accepted a story from her which it has not yet published. The story is a true one. Its hero is a canary that belonged to Mary Baird when she was a little girl, and which died in Lincoln only a year or two ago. Ruth and William buried it out in the yard and put up a little monument for it. The bird was very bright, and his intelligence was developed to the highest point by associating on the most confidential terms with human beings for twenty years. Mrs. Bryan's story relates his successful attempt to communicate with her, his dislike of a mate that was put in the same cage with him, and his death at the end of a long and honorable career. She wrote also many of the short notes that are placed under copies of the pictures that were shown at the World's Fair, a collection issued by a Washington publishing house. Her creative mind was content with her surroundings at this time. She liked to hear the debates in congress, she liked sitting in the vast library with its thousands of books—she says just the sight and smell of them were a pleasure; she liked wandering over the city with her husband. Sundays they went to the different churches of the city. It did not make any difference what denomination the preacher belonged to, whenever they heard of an eloquent preacher they went to hear him with the unattached freedom of strangers. A festival of the Catholic church attracted them one Sunday and on the next one they might be listening to a young Buddhist priest, who charmed everybody who heard him. Mrs. Bryan's study of the book called "The Parliament of Religions," had broadened her views of other religions while enhancing, by contrast, the beauty and strength of her own.

The children's nurse kept them out doors most of the day. The first winter

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