

THE BENNETT FOUNTAIN

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ory of that friend who was held in such high esteem by him.

And there came to Mr. Bryan today, an end to that task, that was surely an agreeable responsibility assigned to him by Mr. Bennett, when he eloquently transferred to the custody of the city of New Haven the beautiful work of art to be known for all time as the Bennett Memorial Fountain.

It should be a time for peace and for thanksgiving and for hope all around. Mr. Bryan is full of hope for the future, full of plans and enterprises and principles that are destined to make life a joy for the weary and for those who have been

heavily burdened. He came to New Haven today to pay tribute to Mr. Bennett and to the sterling qualities that made him the successful business man, the keen thinker and the unselfish undesigning advocate of principles that were intended for the helpfulness of all.

Maybe there was here and there in that throng at the Green who heard Mr. Bryan's feeling address, an individual who has not always agreed with him in his political views. Maybe, too, scattered in the throng were a few narrow-minded individuals who had made up their minds long ago that Mr. Bryan would never get that marble memorial to Philo S. Bennett on the New Haven Green. Such persons should be at

peace with themselves this blessed Thanksgiving season, and get into the spirit of the occasion. True, there had been some opposition to the memorial, there had been a few obstructions in the pathway to the fulfillment of the purpose Mr. Bennett had in mind and there undoubtedly had come to Mr. Bryan as Mr. Bennett's executor, now and then an exasperating delay.

But today, now that the splendid memorial is up and dedicated; now that the provisions of Mr. Bennett's will have been observed to the very letter; now that New Haven's magnificent Green has on it a work of art of which all citizens can be proud; now that our fellow citizens have heard words of wisdom from the eminent gentlemen who delivered addresses at the dedicatory ceremonies and, now that Mr. Bryan has so successfully and thoughtfully finished his labor of affection and devotion to the memory of a dear friend, let all the people of this grand old town rejoice with the distinguished gentleman from Lincoln over the satisfactory termination of his trust. The felicitations should be as general and sincere as were the earnestness, determination and thoroughness of Mr. Bryan in discharging the trust that was placed in his custody by his friend, Philo S. Bennett.

MR. BRYAN'S VISIT

In an editorial entitled "Mr. Bryan's Visit," the New Haven Register says:

The mission of William Jennings Bryan to New Haven today is not, ostensibly at least, more than one part in three political. It is as an intimate friend in his life of the giver of the Bennett fountain that he comes to make the address of dedication. It is as a publicist that he addresses the students of the Yale law department. The banquet this evening will have a strong political tinge. On the eve of a presidential year, with the guest of honor the almost certain candidate of one of the leading parties, it could hardly be otherwise.

To New Haven in general, the political part of Mr. Bryan's mission will not seem the most important. In ten years his political significance has grown light while his weight as a publicist has increased. Many who formerly refused to take him seriously have now come to recognize that he is in many regards a remarkable man, and to respect him accordingly. Yale, which in the days when he seemed merely a political charlatan was impolite enough to seek to deny him a fair hearing, will today give him a proper and dignified welcome. There will be crowds to hear him at every opportunity afforded by his visit, and the public welcome will be sincere and the respect real.

A GREAT MEETING

A Shenandoah, Ia., reader sends the following note accompanied by the report of the Iowa conference: "I seems to me that you must not allow the next issue of The Commoner to go by without an account of the democratic conference at Creston, Ia., on Monday of this week, November 18. Below I give you a little sketch, and I enclose herewith the resolutions which were passed. Such men as General Weaver and Jerry Sullivan and Congressman Hamilton, who were present, told me that in all their experience, they had never seen so large nor so enthusiastic a conference of democrats in Iowa before. The enthusiasm was certainly a good sign. One of the most enthusiastic conferences ever held by any of the democrats of Iowa was the one held on Monday, November 18, at Creston, by the democrats of the Eighth district, the district that has been

represented in congress for so many years by the Hon. W. P. Hepburn. Of the eleven counties in the district, ten were represented. The conference was held in the afternoon,

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