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WHEN TO BE A DANIEL.

Oh, it's safe to be a Daniel When the people are agreed That the very thing you argue for Is just the thing they need— When the world is very willing, And the bad are very good, You may safely be a Daniel: You'll be always understood.

You may dare to be a Daniel When you've figured out the chance, And the people like the music, And will join in the dance; But if anybody's knees begin To weaken in the play, Then lay away the fiddle Till a favorable day.

You may dare to be a Daniel When the people are so kind That they wouldn't hurt a Daniel Should he want to speak his mind; When the Daniels are so plenty That you never would be known, Then dare to be a Daniel, yep, And dare to stand alone!

It will do to be a Daniel When they have a "Daniel's band," And the street is full of Daniels, And they're crowding on the stand, And the drums beat up for Daniel, And the horns blow off our hat:— Oh, I'd like to be a Daniel too, In such a time as that.

Yes, "Dare to be a Daniel—" Is very fine to sing, If 'twill only raise a regiment Of Daniels for the King; But I'm thinking it were better If we'd show the people how To sanctify the singing more, And be a Daniel now.

—A. J. Chittenden, in Our Dumb Animals.

Justice to Farmers.

Biblical Recorder.

If a newspaper should hint that a certain business man was not prosperous most of us would sympathize with him if he entered suit. And yet there are scores of papers which persist in attacking the credit of all people engaged in agriculture, saying they are cultivating this, that and the other crop at a loss, are mortgaged, and always in financial straits. Suppose a paper should announce that the merchants of North Carolina have only half a supply of clothing and have no prospect of getting more than cost price for their meat and other supplies? And yet the farmer has been written up in this way until he likes it. We do not say the farmer is prosperous. We have talked with a number this year, in more than one part of the State, and every one of them was in better spirits and said he was in better plight than in many years. It did us good to hear the talk, and we never stopped to question its reliability. We were glad to see that they objected to being advertised as ruined or in a ruinous business, and that they were trying not to think themselves as of all men the most fortunate. If a man can honestly be cheerful and feel that he is well off he should not be blamed for doing so. It is good for his health and for the happiness of those about him.

"Going into a decline."—How often do we hear this expression. What does it mean? It means that people are losing flesh, growing thin, wasting. The way to correct this condition is to improve the digestion. The condition arises from an inability to eat and digest food. In fact food does more harm than good because it ferments and putrefies in the stomach, developing poisonous substances which when absorbed cause various disorders.

What is required is that the stomach be made to perform its duties. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is a food already digested and a digester of foods as well. It makes the stomach healthy. Get a book from the druggist and read about it.

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MR. SPEAKER.

PERSONAL TRAITS OF T. B. REED.

Friendly and Appreciative Sketch of the Ex- and New Speaker.

Washington Times.

Thomas Brackett Reed was never appreciated outside of Washington until within the last half dozen years, because of a combination of physical lethargy and intellectual indifference, which kept him from putting forth his strength. If he had been of Blaine's nervous, excitable, and showy temperament, he would have had throughout his twenty years in Congress the same prominence that Blaine had throughout his congressional career.

But here in Washington, Reed has always been recognized by those who had the chance of hearing his remarkable conversation, if not by those who heard his speeches and read what he wrote, as an unusual and original man, from whom almost anything might be expected in the way of intellectual achievement.

"A lazy giant" was the way he was summed up a dozen years ago, and the only question was whether the giant would ever think it worth while to arise and show what he could do. Six years later he did arise, and he soon made his name a household word all over this country, and his doings familiar to all who read newspapers and magazines in other countries.

Since then he has grown steadily in the public estimation, and has just as steadily developed his intellectual resources, until now he is recognized as something like his real value. His ambition, that seemed to slumber so long, woke with a fierce appetite when it did wake, and his masterful will has been seeking to gratify it, and in the process he has steadily grown in the public eye.

The new "man from Maine," is a real Maine man, and not, like Blaine, a Pennsylvanian, for he was born in the very city of Portland, which has ten times sent him to Congress, and he has lived almost constantly in Maine, getting his education in her schools, and also being graduated from her leading college, and having practiced for thirty years at her bar.

He is a genuine Yankee in everything except physical appearance. Everybody knows how round and stout his body is, how rolling his walk, and how cherubic his face at a distance, for near to it it looks like Bismarck's and you can see the power behind it. He has all the Yankee shrewdness and sagacity, and the Yankee wit comes forth in his Yankee voice, and even with Yankee pronunciation, and the Yankee drawl.

He has all the strong New England traits, and some of the fine ones. His feet are always on the ground, and his eyes are always on a level with those of other men. There is nothing of the transcendentalist about him, and he is a philosopher rather than a poet, but he has ideas, as well as ideas, and he admires and practices the sterner virtues. He is not known to be a member of any church, and is not known as being a regular attendant of any one here, but no one doubts that he is an upright man. His private life is irreproachable, and his home life is beautiful. His wife and his daughter and he are three most devoted and intimate friends.

He has never been rich, and probably never will be, for he is not a money maker, and he has neglected his practice a good deal of the time that he has been in public life, and he was elected to the State House of Representatives, three years after he was admitted to the bar. He has never been able to keep house here or to entertain extensively, and this winter, at least, he and his family will have a small flat in Vice-President Morton's hotel, the Shoreham, and up on the fifth floor at that. He has had little leisure of late years for his law practice, and has made almost as much money by writing for the magazines as he has from most of his law cases. However, he has always lived comfortably, and his Yankee thrift has kept him out of debt. He keenly enjoys what are called the good things of this life by most people.

He likes society, at least the conversational part of it, and especially dining out, although like most public men he dislikes public dinners. He is fond of the theatre, and of music, and of art and of literature, in French, as well as English.

He is fond of fun of all good sorts, and especially of the kind that is found at Gridiron Club dinners under the robe of secrecy. Indeed, his fun and his love of fun are the most serious drawbacks he has as a presidential candidate or a candidate for the presidential nomination, even in this country, where we laugh more than they do anywhere else in the world. But these

help to make him a very delightful companion.

He likes to be out of doors, and usually walks to and from the Capitol, stopping to look in the show windows. Of course, he has never been able to maintain a stylish equipage, or, indeed, any kind of carriage and horses. He likes newspapers, and frankly says so, unlike some smaller men, who think that it is beneath the dignity of a statesman.

Simple and straightforward in manner, like almost all really great men, he hates pretentiousness as he does hypocrisy, and is to all appearances as democratic in his dealings with everybody as when he was unknown outside of his own State. He is overbearing and sarcastic at times, but he does not truckle and toady, and he does not bully, and underneath it all he has a really kind heart. He loves his friends and hates his enemies, like the Roman that he is. But he helps sometimes, as well as hurts, even those who are opposed to him, and he does a favor most graciously. It is perhaps needless to say, that he is a man of his word, who makes promises carefully, but keeps them more carefully.

With all his love of sarcasm and habit of saying witty things at the risk of offending somebody, Mr. Reed is extremely courteous and tactful in dealing with his fellow-members. Those who imagine that he is above seeking commendation and support by the usual methods of shrewd politicians make a mistake, for he is a man who pays very close attention to the political straws that may blow across his pathway.

He has a hard row to hoe as Speaker of the House in the coming Congress, in view of the fact that he is a promising presidential candidate, and no one appreciates this fact better than himself. His desire for the good-will of all his Republican colleagues is shown by the fact that some time between the elections in 1894 and March 4th last he wrote a personal note of congratulation to each Republican member-elect.

Those who enjoyed a personal acquaintance with Mr. Reed were gratified to be so kindly remembered, and those who had never met him appreciated the compliment still more. This is one reason why there is not one discordant note in the song of praise that reaches the ears of Mr. Reed as he comes again to take up the famous gavel that he laid down on the 4th of March, 1891.

Reach into Other Lives.

Selected. Every one's real life consists in his reach into other lives. Whoever is completely isolated is like an uprooted plant, dying or dead. Whoever shares in the experiences of others helps them to be true and to make the best of what they have, strengthens their faith in God and love to men, lives and grows. Bearing one another's burdens is the law of Christ. He touched those who needed him. He taught the ignorant. He led, healed, cheered, loved and inspired those with whom he lived. His law wrote itself into the lives of his disciples. See it in their words: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man on the things of others." See it in their deeds. Silver and gold they had none, but such as they had they gave. Wealth abounded where they went because they gave themselves. They were rewarded with a hundred fold more in this present life. To such men life is rich and they are always in demand.

A Big truth in Little Space.

The Goldboro Argus turns out a big chunk of truth and sound wisdom in the following paragraph: "The happiest men in the South are those who live at home, busy with their own affairs and expect nothing at the hands of the government. And probably the most miserable class of men in the country are those who are trying to draw their rations from the public crib. Office-holding temporarily—and one cannot reasonably expect to hold office all the time—to a certain extent unites a man for the general business affairs of life, and the discarded office-holder then has to commence business on his own hook at a disadvantage. Much better is it for a man to adopt some business vocation, stick to it, and build up a business of his own that will not be dependent upon the fickleness of the public mind."

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