

After luncheon, Mr. Bryce and myself were shown into a small reception room which adjoins the dining room at the White House. The President withdrew with Mr. Bacon for a few minutes. On his return Mr. Bryce remarked that he was pleased to see that the President had been directing attention again to the matter of preserving the beauty of Niagara, and ~~with~~ <sup>after</sup> this remark, the President outlined his interest in this ~~question~~ <sup>matter</sup> and that of reforestation. After a moment or two of silence, the President said: "Mr. Bryce, have you seen an article in the last number of the American Magazine, dealing with the negro question in the New England States, in which it is pointed out that the negro, though welcome when present in limited numbers, has given rise to considerable race prejudice because of the increase in his numbers? It is nothing but an increase in numbers." Mr. Bryce replied that he had not seen the article, but could quite understand what the President had said might be so; that he had ~~seen~~ <sup>heard</sup> when at Chicago, a parallel case in connection <sup>we had seen six</sup> with negro students <sup>at</sup> who were attending the University. <sup>and</sup> We had asked if there was any objection to their attending lectures in the regular way, <sup>and</sup> had been told that there was none, but that if they were to come in very large <sup>numbers</sup> quantities it would probably give rise to some question. The President remarked, "Precisely." The President then turned to Mr. Bryce and said: "Have I ever discussed with you, Mr. Bryce, this Japanese question?" Mr. Bryce replied, no, that he had not, excepting that some months ago something may have been said at the time of the troubles in California, but that they had not discussed the question since then. The President then replied: "I am much interested in a message which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sent by Mr. King. I cannot but feel that both Canada and the United States have the same problem to