# American Individualism A Timely Message to the

American People

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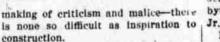
NDIVIDUALISM has been the primary force of American civilization for three centuries. It is our sort of individualism that has supplied the motivation of America's political, economic and spiritual institutions in all these years. It has proved its ability to develop its institutions with the changing scene. Our very form of government is the product of the individualism of our people, the demand for an equal opportunity, for a fair chance.

The American ploneer is the epic expression of that indivduatism, and making of criticism and malice-there the pioneer spirit is the response to is none so difficult as inspiration to Jr. the challenge of opportunity, to the challenge of nature, to the challenge of life, to the call of the frontier. That spirit need never die for lack of something for it to achieve. There will always be a frontler to conquer or to hold as long as men think, plan and dare. Our American individualism has received much of its character from our contacts with the forces of nature on a new continent. It evolved government without official emissaries to show the way; it plowed and sowed two score of great states; it built roads, bridges, railways, cities; it carried forward every attribute of high civilization over a continent. The days of the ploneer are not over. There are continents of human welfare of which we have penetrated only the coastal plain. The great continent of science is as yet explored only on its borders, and it is only the ploneer who will penetrate the frontier in the quest for new worlds to conquer. The very genlus of our institutions has been given to them by the ploneer spirit. Our individualism is rooted in our very nature. It is based on conviction born of experience. Equal opportunity, the demand for a fair chance, became the formula of American Individualism because it is the method of American achievement.

After the absorption of the great plains of the West came the era of industrial development with the new complex of forces that it has brought Now haltingly, but with more surety and precision than ever before and with a more conscious understanding of our mission, we are finding solution of these problems arising from new conditions, for the forces of our social system can compass and comprise these.

Our individualism is no middle ground between autocracy-whether of birth, economic or class origin-and socialism. Socialism of different varieties may have something to recommend it as an intellectual stop-lookand-listen sign, more especially for Old World societies. But it contains only destruction to the forces that make progress in our social system. Nor does salvation come by any device for concentration of power, whether political or economic, for both are equally reversions to Old World autocracy in new garments.

Salvation will not come to us out children. dualism



We cannot ever afford to rest at ease in the comfortable assumption that right ideas always pre-ail by some virtue of their own. In the long run they do. But there can be and there have been periods of centuries when the world slumped back toward darkness merely because great masses of men became impregnated with wrong ideas and wrong social philosophies. The declines of civilization have been born of wrong ideas. Most of the wars of the world, including the recent one, have been fought by the advocates of contrasting ideas of social philosophy.

The primary safeguard of American individualism is an understanding of it; of faith that it is is the most preclous possession of American civilization, and a willingness courageously to test every process of national life upon the touchstone of this basic social premise. Development of the human institutions and of science and of industry have been long chains of trial and error. Our public relations to them and to other phases of our national life can be advanced in no other way than by a willingness to experiment in the remedy of our social faults. The failures and unsolved problems of economic and social life ary. can be corrected; they can be solved within our social theme and under no other system. The solution is a matter of will to find solution; of a sense of duty as well as of a sense of right and citizenship. No one who buys "bootleg" whisky can complain of gunmen and hoodlumism,

Humanity has a long road to perfection, but we of America can make sure progress if we will preserve our individualism, if we will preserve and stimulate the initiative of our people; if we will build up our insistence and safeguards to equality of opportunity, if we will glorify service as a part of our national character. Progress will march if we hold an abiding faith in the intelligence, the initiative, the character, the courage, and the divine touch in the individual. We can safeguard these ends if we give to each individual that opportunity for which the spirit of America stands. We can make a social system as perfect as lington; Margaret Reid Morton, Oxour generation merits and one that will be received in gratitude by our

[THE END.]

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LESSON FOR MAY 6

SAMUEL-JUDGE AND PROPHET

LESSON TEXT-I Sam, 12:1-25, GOLDEN TEXT-Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath.done for you.-I Sam. 12:24.

REFERENCE MATERIAL - I \*Chron. 9:22: 29:29: Ps. 99:6: Jer. 15:1; Hb. 11:32, 33.

PRIMARY TOPIC-Samuel, the Boy Who Served in God's House.

JUNIOR TOPIC-The Boy Who Heard

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC

Samuel means "asked of God." God

gave him in answer to his mother's

prayer. She promised to give him

back to God. In his early childhood,

his mother cared for and taught him.

lesson today is his farewell address.

I. Samuel's Challenge to the People.

1. Reminder of the Way the King

Had Been Given. (v. 1). He showed

that they were directly responsible for

the change in government. Though

keenly feeling the reflection upon him-

self and their ingratitude to God in

their demand for a king, he has not

resisted their wish. He reminded them

that they now had what they wanted.

tion. (vv. 2, 3). (1) Walk from child-

hood (v. 2). Samuel's was a remark-

able life; from childhood to old age

he had lived an upright and pure life.

How satisfying it must be to come to

the end of life and to look back even

to childhood days without regrets. (2)

Career as judge and ruler (v. 3). He

boldly challenged them to show where

and how he had even in the smallest

matters defrauded or oppressed any-

one. He courted the most searching

investigation of his life, even calling

upon the Lord Himself to bear wit-

3. The Vote of Confidence by the

right as he laid down the reins of gov-

ernment to have his record vindicated

and to have his integrity established

beyond a doubt so that no evil-minded

man could ever be able to cast re-

II. Samuel Reviews God's Dealings

proach upon him.

2. Review of His Own Administra-

newly-chosen ruler.

(vv. 1-5).

ness.

Samuel, the Upright Judge.

Samuel, the True Prophet.

God's Call.

# FLORA MACDONALD FINALS

Twenty-Seventh Annual Events Will Begin on Saturday, May 19, at Red Springs.

Red Springs .- Flora Macdonald college has announced the following program for the 27th annual commencement:

Saturday, May 19, 5:00 p. m., Senior Class Day exercises, Woodland theater.

Sunday, May 20, 11:15 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, college auditorium, by Rev. J. E. Purcell, Jr., pastor St. Andrews Presbyterian church, Wilmington; 6:30 p. m., vesper service, Woodlawn theater, college campus, Dr. C. G. Vardell; 8:00 p. m., sarmon before the Y. W. C. A., Presbyterian church, Rev J. E. Purcell,

Monday, May 21, 8:00 p. m., concert by the conservatory of music, college auditorium.

Tuesday, May 22, 9:00 a. m., meeting of the Board of trustees; meeting of advisory boards; 10:30 a. m., business meeting of general alumnae association; 4:00 p. m., reception and exhibits department of fine and household arts; 8:00 p. m., senior class play, "Midsummer Night's Dream," college auditorium; 10:00 p. m., alumnae banquet, college dining hall.

Wedneday, May 23, 10:00 a. m., graduating exercises, college auditorium, address by Rev. D. N. McLauchpastor Second Presbyterian lin. church, Norfolk, Va.

Flora Macdonald will graduate on May 23 the largest class in her history, with 28 seniors receiving degrees. Twenty members of the class are from North Carolina, four from South Carolina, two from Georgia, one from Florida, and one from Japan. Seventy five per cent of the class will teach and take up advance work along lines of medicine, journalism, physical education, cafeteria management, banking, community work, nursing, law, foreign mission

Names of the graduates are:

Misses Ellen Erwin Black, Davidson; Mildred McAulay, Mount Gilead; Eliza MacKay Whitted, Wilmington; Margaret Hall, Wallace; Anna Mas Caddell, Carthage; Phoebe E. Wake field, Banner Elk; Annie Lee Funk Florence, S. C.; Lucy Hunsucker Gibson; Julia Ramsey, Banner Elk; Janie Belle Buchanan, Japan; Miriam Harrison, Leesburg, Fla.; Ada Mac-Racken, Whiteville; Mamie Baker, Latta, S. C., Ruth Nowell, Fayetteville; Lillian Street, Glendon; Mary Alice Boyd, Townsville; Willie Mae Whiteside, Charlotte: Alma M. Burgess, Summerton, S. C.; Sarah Louise Mandeville, Sylvester, Ga; Onie Ruth, People, (vv. 4, 5). It was Samuel's Erwin, Clarksville, Ga.; Vera Coe, Richland, S. C.; Hannah Nash Mc-Neill, Bules; Margaret McGirt, Maxton; Martha Miller Jones, Red Springs; Mary Rice McCuttoch, Burford: Margaret McLeod, Red Springs,

New Power Plant at Fayetteville.



Ended Indigestion 8

right spot in my case and I am glad to tell others about it," declared H. A. Kitchens, 765 Broadway, Macon, Ga., well-known general merchant.

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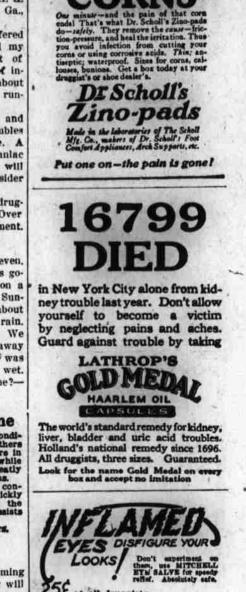
#### Why She Became Man-Hater.

There is no teacher or nurse like the He was twelve and I was eleven. mother of the child. At an early age, He invited me to a party and was goshe handed him over to the care of Ell ing to take me home. He had on a to minister unto the Lord in the tabernew "palm beach" suit and I my Sunnacle. While ministering unto the day organdle. 'Just as we were about Lord in the tabernacle, God called him, to start for home it started to rain. He responded to this call and spent a Our hostess gave us an umbrella. We long life in useful service to God and had not gone far when he ran, away his nation as judge and prophet. Our from me, with the umbrella. He was afraid he would get his new suit wet. After Saul was made king, he retired Now I am a man-hater. Blame me?and turned over the authority to the Chicago Journal.

### Hall's Catarrh Medicine

THAIL'S CLARAFILL MECULCINE Those who are in a "run down" condi-ticn will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that while Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE con-sists of an Onintment which Quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which assists in improving the General Health. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohlo,

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from the Time of Moses. (vv. 6-15). I discovered a vegetable compound | tongue, ague, malaria, sour stomach He reasoned with them concerning, that does the work of dangerous, sick- or any other distress caused by a torthe good hand of the Lord upon them t every reader pid liver as quickly as a do of this paper to buy a bottle for a few nauseating calomel, besides it will not cents and if it doesn't straighten you make you sick or keep you from a up better and quicker than salivating day's work. Calomel is poison-it's mercury-it calomel just go back to the store and attacks the bones, often causing get your money back. I guarantee that one spoonful of rheumatism. Calomel is dangerous. It Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sickens-while my Dodson's Liver sluggish liver to work and clean your Tone is safe, pleasant and harmless. thirty feet of bowels of the sour bile Eat anything afterwards, because it and constipation poison which is clogcannot salivate. Give it to the children ging your system and making you feel because it doesn't upset the stomach or shock the liver. Take a spoonful miserable. tonight and wake up feeling fine and I guarantee that one spoonful of this harmless liquid liver medicine will reready for a full day's work.

Macon Merchant Declares Tanlac (By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.) Copyright, 1923, Western Newspaper Union. Years Ago. "The Tanlac treatment touched the

the wreckag What we need today is steady devotion to a better, brighter, broader individualism-an individualism that carries increasing responsibility and service to our fellows. Our need is not DIDN'T KNOW GREAT PAINTER for a way out but for a way forward. We found our way out three centuries ago when our forefathers left Europe for these shores, to set up here a commonwealth conceived in liberty and dedicated to the development of individuality.

There are malign social forces other than our failures that would destroy our progress. There are the equal dangers both of reaction and radicalism. The perpetual howl of radicalism is that it is the sole voice of liberalismthat devotion to social progress is its field alone. These men would assume that all reform and human advance must come through government. They have forgotten that progress must come from the steady lift of the individual and that the measure of national idealism and progress is the quality of idealism in the individual. The most trying support of radicalism comes from the timid or dishonest minds that shrink from facing the result of radicalism itself but are devoted to defense of radicalism as proof of a liberal mind. Most theorists who denounce our individualism as a social basis seem to have a passion for ignorance of its constructive ideals.

An even greater danger is the destructive criticism of minds too weak or too partisan to harbor constructive ideas. For such, criticism is based upon the distortion of perspective or cunning misrepresentation: . There is never danger from the radical himself until the structure and confidence of society has been undermined by the enthronement of destructive criticism, Destructive criticism can certainly lead to revolution unless there are those willing to withstand the malice that flows in return from refutation. It has been well said that revolution is no summer thunderstorm clearing the atmosphere. In modern society it is a tornade leaving in its path the destroyed homes of millions with their dead women and children. There are also those who insist that

the future must be a repetition of the past; that ideas are dangerous, that deals are freaks.

To find that fine balance which links the future with the past, whose vision is of men and not of tools, that posares the courage to construct rather an to criticize—this is our need. at and vivid us the plorene-

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#### Woman's Criticism Decidedly Amusing Considering the Standing of the Artist.

The amateur who "knows it all" belongs to all arts and all periods. Our grandparents laughed over the anecdote, once famillar throughout Britain and America, of the nonprofessional lady singer who complained to a hotel clerk of the woman in the room next door to her, whose vocal exercises were not only too frequent but an offense to the sensitive ear. She was told that unfortunately the only remedy was for her to change her room, as the management would scarcely care to remonstrate on that point with Madame Patti!.

At Dublin not so long ago, writes a contributor to the Boston Herald, a etteville enterprise, according to a woman painter of distinction was company representative and the new walking on a woodsy path in company power plant will bring the sum well with another woman painter, a New York society woman who dabbles and daubs but who is not professionally distinguished. They came presently upon a gentleman who was sitting by the wayside, blocking in a water color. Recognizing a friend who doesn't like to be disturbed when at work, the first roman nudged the other to be quiet, and they both stood for a few moments to watch.

As they walked on the society woman observed compassionately: "O dear. isn't it pitiful? Why do people imagine they can paint? There is a man whose hair is turning gray, and you can see from his work that he is one of those who will never do anything st ft."

The man with hair turning gray was Mr. John Singer Sargent, who receives a thousand dollars aplece for his little splashes in water color!

He Was Not Wise.

A North side family had a pair of scales that had to be handled a certain way in order to get accurate weight, relates the Indianapolis News. colored man who worked for the famcontrol much who worked for the fam-ily, however, was not "wise" to the fact, so, in leaving the family employ, he took with him the scales and es-tablished himself at a stand on the market. Before the day was over he was arrested for giving false weight and the scales ware confiscated.

Faveteville, - All the power and lighting needs of Fayetteille for years to come will be fully met by the erection of a \$750,000 electric power plant here by the Carolina Power company. The announcement from a representative of the home office of the company in Raleigh comes as welcome news to Fayetteville business men, who have been working for some time past to overcome the handicap of inadequate electric power supply, which has held back the fast growing community no little bit. But now the city can offer hydroelectric power in abundance to any and all comers, with the Carolina company pushing a steel-tower line from Blewitts Falls and the Wateree and Yadkin river generating stations to supply the big sub-station here, and building an emergency generating plant on the Cape Fear at Moncure.

More than a half million doliars has already been invested in the Faytoward the million mark a fair indication of the estimate which far seeing business men place on the future of the upper Cape Fear city.

Gastonia Girl is Champion Planist. Greensboro.-The fourth annual music contest of the high schools of North Carolina opened here with 22 contestants in piano playing.

The winner of the pianist cup was Miss Sarah Glenn, of Gastonia, Second prize went to Miss Midred Perkins, of Lincolnton. The Judges were Professor E. C. Barnes, Washington, D. C.; William Breach, Winston-Salem, and Miss Siler, of North Carolina College for Women, where the contests were held.

Youth Slays Father With Axe. Goldsboro .- Three blows with an axe delivered by Dewey Smith, age 23, and his father, John E. Smith, age 75, wealthy Wayne county farmer of Fork Township, lay dead, his head smashed almost beyond recognition. The youth is now in jail held with out ball on a charge of murder. He told a coroner's jury that his father had quarreled with his mother and had referred to her as an "old fool." Neither his mother nor his sisters were present when the tragedy opsurred.

from the time of Moses. Though they with ingratitude turned from the Lord and demanded a king like the other nations, he had acceded to their request and set a king over them.

1. National Prosperity Conditioned by Obedience. (v. 14). Though they had displeased God in choosing a king, if they would fear the Lord and render obedience, national prosperity would still be given. The nation which will not walk in God's way cannot expect God's blessing.

2. Disobedience to God Meant the Nation's Ruin (v. 15). It is folly to ask God's blessing upon a nation while it is living in rebellion against Him. True statesmanship is to find out God's will concerning the nation and so direct it that in all its laws and customs there may be harmony with that will. III. Samuel's Own Vindication, (vv. 16-19).

This was such a critical hour in the history of the nation that Samuel sought to indelibly impress this moment on their hearts. This he did by means of the thunder and rain out of season. Harvest time was not the season for thunder and rain so when it came at the call of Samuel, the people were frightened. The sign had its designed effect. The people confessed their sin of asking for a king and besought Samuel to pray for them. IV. Samuel's Gracious Response. (vv. 20-25).

1. "Fear Not-Serve the Lord With All Your Heart." (vv. 20-22). Samuel did not minimize their sin but assured them if they would serve the Lord wholeheartedly, He would not forsake them,

2. "God Forbid That I Should Sin Against the Lord in Ceasing to Pray for You." (v. 23). Though the people had rejected Samuel, yet he had such magnanimity of soul that he had not allowed their ingratitude to keep.him from interceding for them. Such fallure on his part he regarded as sin.

Paganiem.

To worry about carnal things is pure paganism. He who has done such grand things for the soul will not starve the body.-W. L. Watkinson.

Letting Go. Shall I hold on with both hands to every paltry possession? All I have teaches me to jrust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

When, We Bulld, Too low they build, who build be with the stars .- Young.

