

LORD MACAULAY, PROPHET

THE GREAT HISTORIAN'S LETTER

In his long letter to H. S. Randall, the English statesman, Lord Macaulay predicted that the institutions purely democratic must sooner or later destroy liberty of civilization or both.

"Many years ago, when I was a school boy," said a Charlotte man yesterday, "I read with indifferent interest Lord Macaulay's letter of 1857 to H. S. Randall, of New York, who had sent to the great English historian a copy of 'A Life of Jefferson.'"

"The letter in question follows: 'I have long been convinced that institutions purely democratic must sooner or later, destroy liberty of civilization, or both, in Europe, where the population is dense, the effect of such institutions would be almost instantaneous.'

"What happened lately in France is an example. In 1848 a pure democracy was established there. During a short time there was reason to expect a general spoliation, a national bankruptcy, a new partition of the soil, a maximum of prices, a ruinous load of taxation laid on the rich for the purpose of supporting the poor in idleness."

"Such a system would, in twenty years, have made France as poor and barbarous as the France of the Carolingians. Happily, the danger was averted and now there is a despatch, a silent tribune, an enslaved press. Liberty is gone, but civilization has been saved."

AN EARLY-VICTORIAN MOTHER

"But the time will come when New England will be as thickly settled as Old England. Wages will be as low, and will fluctuate as much, as in our times, as with you. You will have your Manchester and Birmingham; and in those Manchester and Birmingham hundreds and thousands of partisans will sometimes be out of work."

"Then your institutions will be fairly brought to the test. Distress everywhere makes the laborer mullous and discontented, and inclines him to list with any cause that is agitator, who tells him that it is a monstrous iniquity that one man should have a million while another cannot get a full meal."

"In bad years there is plenty of grumbling here, and sometimes a little rioting; but it matters little, for the sufferers are not the rulers. The supreme power is in the hands of a class, numerous indeed, but selected from an educated class—a class which is, and knows itself to be, deeply interested in the security of property and the maintenance of order."

RESTRAINING THE DISCONTENTED MAJORITY

"Accordingly the malcontents are gently but firmly restrained. The bad time is got over with the rich, the wealthy to relieve the indigent. The springs of national prosperity soon begin to flow again, work is plentiful, wages rise, and all is tranquility and cheerfulness."

"I have seen England pass, three or four times, through such critical seasons as I have described. Through such critical seasons the United States will have to pass, and will pass, in the next century, if not of this. How will you pass through them? I doubtly wish you good deliverance, but my reason and my wishes are at war, and I cannot help foreboding to doubt that it is quite plain that your government will never be able to restrain a distressed and discontented majority. For, with you, the majority is the government, and the rich, who are always in the minority, absolute at its mercy."

"The day will come when, in the State of New York, a multitude of people, none of whom has had more than half a dinner, expect to have more than half a dinner, will choose a Legislature. Is it possible to doubt what sort of a Legislature will be chosen?"

STATESMAN AND DEMAGOGUE

"On one side is a statesman preaching patience, and on the other, a strict observance of public faith; on the other is a demagogue, ranting about the tyranny of the capitalists and utters, and asking why anybody should be permitted to drink champagne and to ride in a carriage while thousands of honest folk are in want of necessities. Which of the two candidates is likely to be preferred by a workman who hears his children cry for bread?"

"I seriously apprehend you will, in some such season of adversity as I have described, do things that will prevent prosperity from returning, that you will not like the people who should, in a season of scarcity, devour all the seed-corn, and thus make the next year not one of scarcity, but of absolute famine."

"There will be, I fear, spoliation. The spoliation will increase the distress. The distress will produce fresh spoliation. There is nothing to stop you. Your constitution is all sail and no anchor. As I said before, when a society has entered on its downward progress, either civilization or liberty must perish. Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reins of government with a strong hand, or you will be a prey to a more ferocious and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth."

"The Scrap Book concludes: 'Curious that Macaulay's fears for America should not have been felt by Americans themselves until now. Even to-day, when in some degree the symptoms he described a half century ago are making their appearance, the American people is more interested in the situation than alarmed by it; for the Americans, like the English, rely with confidence upon the Anglo-Saxon genius for working things out.'

TAKE THE PORTMASTER'S WORD

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A PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTION

President J. A. R. Scherer Tells Something of the Remarkable Advance Made by Newberry College, S. C.—New Technical Department Meeting With Much Success—Bright Future.

Dr. J. A. R. Scherer, president of Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., was in the city yesterday and will be in Salisbury to-day and perhaps tomorrow.

Last year Dr. Scherer established in his college a department of electrical and mechanical engineering. This department had in the first, and so far only, term 20 students. The doctor is sure that he will have fifty students in this special department next session.

Eight young men from Concord, this State, were in the college and seven of them were in the new department. Mr. Carnegie has given \$10,000 with which to erect a building for this technical department.

The building is already in course of construction. It is to be of brick, three stories in height, each floor comprising 5,000 square feet. The ground floor will be used for a foundry and blacksmith shop; the second story contains the machine shop, while spacious drafting rooms occupy the third floor. Machinery to the value of \$3,000 is already on hand, and more will of course be added.

The total enrollment at Newberry College for the last session was 211, so that this is the largest institution in the South under the control of the Lutheran Church. So far as known, it is the only church school in the South as yet introduced the feature of technical education.

President Scherer says that it is easier to secure donations for technical education than for almost any other object. As an evidence, he cites his success in meeting Mr. Carnegie's conditions. These provided that an equal amount be added to the endowment fund for the maintenance of the new department. Citizens of the town of Newberry gave the required \$10,000 within five hours. They have since given \$10,000 more, in order to secure \$25,000 offered to the endowment by Dr. D. K. Pearson, of Chicago.

It is just a year since President Scherer, who is a native North Carolinian, visited Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, in order to receive his advice respecting the conduct of the new department then projected. The success that has been achieved within a year is nothing short of remarkable. In addition, a handsome gymnasium has been erected, so that there are now eight buildings on the campus, including three professors' residences, and the current receipts for the year from tuition, fees, etc., amounted to \$12,000 as against \$7,000 two years ago.

President Scherer expresses strong admiration for the part which Mr. Tompkins had in the development of industrial education throughout the country. It is a time, when theories must give way to practice, and Newberry aims to be a thoroughly practical school.

That Charlotte believes in the institution is proved by the fact that several prominent families were represented there last year, and the indications point to an increase from this section during the next scholastic year, which will open September 26th.

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES

Judge R. B. Peebles Explains a Few Things to the Local Bar—A Victory for the Charlotte Cotton Mill.

The two weeks' July term of the Mecklenburg Superior Court for the trial of civil cases was convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Judge R. B. Peebles, of Jacksonville. The morning session was taken up with continuing of a number of cases and a few remarks by the judge to the members of the local bar. Judge Peebles put his foot down emphatically upon the practice of some lawyers of making false impressions upon a jury for the purpose of winning their cases. He said that when a juror in his court returns a favorable verdict for a lawyer who has made a false impression upon the jury that he sets the verdict aside. After several cases had been continued for various and sundry reasons the judge said: "You lawyers must have your cases ready and your witnesses here, stating that if they kept on continuing cases there would be no trial."

Besides the cases continued yesterday this were not suited to the hearing. Lantz, McBeth vs. O. L. Barringer, Company, and Queen City Printing Company vs. Southern Bell Telephone Company. The suit in the latter instance was for \$150, an alleged balance on an account.

The only jury case yesterday was that of Mrs. Agnes Todd, administratrix vs. the Charlotte Cotton Mill. In this case the plaintiff, representing Mrs. A. T. B. Todd, was suing for \$10,000 on account of the death of her husband, who she alleged, died as a result of a wound received in falling from a defective scaffold of the mill. The trial and argument continued the entire afternoon. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant at 5 o'clock in the evening. The defendant was represented by Mr. A. B. Justice.

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A BOLD POLITICAL MOVE

REPUBLICANS AND THE NEGRO

The Revolution Offered by Blackburn at the Greensboro Convention is Beginning to Strike the North—The Washington Correspondents Are Taking It Up—A Special to The New York Sun of Yesterday Speaks of It.

The most interesting incident of the Republican convention held at Greensboro last week was the passing of a resolution, presented by Congressman Blackburn, which provided for a petition to the next Legislature, asking for a continuance of the "grandfather" clause of the State constitution, extending the date when the illiterate white man would be on a par with the negro from 1907 to 1927. This was a shrewd stroke by Mr. Blackburn. It is now said that the Democrats intended doing the same thing, when they decided to wait and take the matter up with the Legislature. The Republicans are on record ahead of their opponents.

This advance step taken by the Republicans of North Carolina was considered almost sensational. It was the sort of move that generally causes considerable comment by the Northern press. The Washington correspondents are beginning to see the significance of the Blackburn resolution, as the following special from Washington to The New York Sun of yesterday would indicate.

"For the first time since Reconstruction days the Republicans of a Southern State are standing on a platform of opposition to the negro. North Carolina is the State responding to the 'grandfather' clause of their constitution until 1927."

"The Democrats in their convention took no action on the race question, and it is probable that they will attempt to wait and take the action on the campaign for advocating a policy that will continue to prevent negroes from exercising the right of suffrage."

"North Carolina's constitutional amendment, under which most negroes are debarred from voting, has the grandfather clause to which Secretary Taft referred, but under its provisions the grandfather clause will be effective after 1907. That is two years hence. North Carolina will have a straight educational qualification on the right of suffrage, which will apply alike to ignorant whites and ignorant blacks."

"At the recent Republican convention a resolution was adopted calling on the Legislature to submit to the people of the State for their approval a provision whereby the grandfather clause of the constitutional amendment would be continued in force until after 1920, an extension of twelve years."

"Two explanations are offered for this action by the North Carolina Republicans. The first is that a great many of the white Republican voters of the State, especially in the mountain districts, would be unable to pass the educational test, which requires that a man must be able to read and write before he shall be permitted to vote. Others regard the action of the convention as a shrewd move to place the party in the position that has given Democracy its chief strength in all Southern States."

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voters into line, for it is definitely assumed that there will be no menace of negro domination if the Republicans are placed in complete control of affairs in the State.

"In addressing the mass meeting at Greensboro Secretary Taft declared that the Republicans were constantly engaged in a factional chase for jobs and that the party in North Carolina would in all probability be better off if all the Federal offices were filled by Democrats. The platform adopted at Greensboro contains a rather remarkable statement on the subject of patronage. It provides for a meeting each year of the State committee for the purpose of considering applications to Federal office, and that no application be considered unless the applicant shall state that he will submit to the action and recommendation of the committee without further contest. The purpose of this is to prevent in the future the unseemly scramble for patronage that resulted in the bitter factional fight in the convention."

"The Greensboro convention was held primarily to nominate candidates for minor State offices, but the real fight between the two factions was for the control of the State organization. Representative E. Spencer Blackburn, the only Republican in Congress from the Tar Heel State, was presented as a candidate in opposition to Chairman Spencer B. Adams. The latter won, after one of the most bitter struggles ever witnessed in a Southern political gathering, and then it was that the factionists decided to make peace and have the two wings of the party flap in unison in the future."

"The Republicans in North Carolina will enter the coming campaign united for the first time in years, and they expect to send two Congress

candidates. They predict with great confidence that two years from now North Carolina will cast its electoral vote for the Republican candidate for the presidency.

"Down in North Carolina there is a strong Roosevelt sentiment, and the Republicans there would like to see the President renominated. They know, however, that he will not be the standard bearer of his party in 1908, and they are trying to find out who is the man of his choice. If the administration would indicate a preference that man, according to present indications, would get North Carolina's vote in the Republican national convention of 1905."

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