

Address delivered by James P. B. Hyndman, from Station WHAP New York City, on March 5, 1926, 8:00 P.M. on AMERICANISM. Subject:

A M E R I C A

America is founded upon spiritual Idealism. To be an American, and to possess the understanding, even in small degree, of the deep significance of American citizenship, is the highest privilege on earth. To sell, barter, or give away this gift of American citizenship, either individually or nationally, is the deepest treason that can be committed by anyone.

The ideal which America represents, is the highest mental and spiritual liberty of man, based upon God, and the fundamental laws of righteousness, law and order, which emanate from Him, and which were enunciated and demonstrated by Christ Jesus, the supreme Teacher who taught men their oneness with the Eternal Creator which he spiritually proved.

The earliest authentic historical record we have of America, is that of its discovery in the year 1000 by Leif Ericson, the young Norseman (Icelander), who named his colony Vineland. On the virgin soil of the Western Hemisphere, Leif planted the Norse standard, the symbol, in those early days, of the beautiful, primitive, evangelical religion of the Norse peoples, whose deep spiritual mythology paralleled, in its imagery and symbolism, the Revelation of St. John.

At that period, Iceland ranked first as a republican nation, and in the literary achievement of her people, one of the earliest translations of the Holy Bible came to us from Iceland; and many of the purest phrases in our King James version are from the Icelandic. The sagas of Iceland are the written biographies of the Norse Vikings, and relate the heroic deeds of the Northmen. The sagas of Eric the Red, Father of Leif, and of his contemporaries, contain full accounts of the discovery of the Western land by Leif, and of the colonization of Vineland by the Northmen, between the years 1000 and 1009. The first white child known to have been born on the western continent was Snorre, the son of Thorfinn Karlsefni, the friend of Leif Ericson, who occupied Leif's house in Vineland for three winters. Sorre was born in the year 1007. Thorfinn's wife, Gudrid, carried the news" of the discovery of Vineland, to Europe. From this source, and from the sagas, Adam of Bremen, the historian, learned of the discovery, and published the news of it throughout Europe, in the year 1075.

The discovery of America by the Norsemen thus became a recognized and recorded fact, among the scholars of the civilized world, more than four centuries (400 years) before the birth of the Genoese navigator. Cristobal Colon, later named Christopher Columbus, Colon, or Columbus, made a trip to Iceland, in the year 1477, in order to study the Norse records of the original discovery of America: and his biographer, Henri Vignaud, states that Columbus not only knew of the existence of the western continent, before he left the European shores, but that he was aware of how many days' sailing were required to reach it. The right of discovery of the western continent is thus unquestionably vested in the Norse peoples; and the

Nordic Protestant civilization which later followed this discovery, was its natural sequence.

A word as to the character of the Norse peoples. According to many authorities, among whom may be mentioned Lt. (Prof.) Charles A. L. Totten, author of "Our Race," the Norse peoples were the direct descendants of the ten so-called "lost" tribes of Israel. These tribes were driven out of Asia, and fled to Europe, finally settling in Scandinavia, and in the British Isles. They were fiercely intolerant of everything which savored of Latinism, or the so-called Mediterranean civilization and its paganism; and they formed incessant raiding expeditions, coming out from their "viks," or bays, in their boats, and spreading over all Southern Europe, and even into Britain, in their intense desire to extirpate Latin civilization and Latin paganism.

From this circumstance, they are called "Vikings," or those who come out from the "viks," or bays. Their zeal was the direct result of their religious training, for to the ten tribes, the chief of whom were the tribes of Manasseh (America) and Ephraim (Britain) were given by God through the prophets the promise of eventual world leadership. As by a process of divine impulsion, these zealous Northmen pushed their way into the British Isles, up into Greenland and Iceland, and eventually traversed the ocean in their frail crafts, by means of their invention of the keel, and planted their standard in the Western Hemisphere. The Ephraim tribe formed the British Empire, and the people of Manasseh laid the foundation for the American Federal Union. It is recorded that, at the time that Leif discovered America, in the year 1000, Thorfinn, the Dane who was related to Leif by marriage, established the House of Washington, in the North of England. Senator Lodge states that the blood in Washington's veins was preponderantly Norse.

The Norse colonization of America continued up to about the year 1347, when the Black Plague decimated Norway, and the immigrant expeditions ceased. Records have been found in Minnesota showing the presence of Norsemen in the West, as late as the year 1362.

The Norse discovery of America marked the revealing of the last remaining unknown habitable portion of the earth's surface. This discovery thus signified the birth or dawn of the new world, and of necessity, the beginning of the passing of the Old World. Towards the end of the tenth century, the pope of Rome issued a proclamation, announcing that the end of the world would take place in the year 1000, in consequence of which the terrified people of Europe fled from their homes to the nethermost parts of the European and Asiatic continents. The essential separation of America from Europe, is thus discerned to be the basic fact of the discovery, colonization, and spiritual establishment of the American Federal Republic in the new world; and the "New Aera" mentioned in the Act of Congress authorizing our Seal, signified the dawn of a "new order of ages," a new reign of righteousness and peace on earth, and the consequent demise of the old European-Asiatic order of despotism, "the divine right of kings," priest domination and tyranny, and the resulting appalling weight of ignorance, disease, poverty and wholesale death, which, at one period, stamped upon Europe the stigma of the "dark ages," and which to-day hangs like a pall over the dying and unhappy continent.

From out this irreligious and intolerant atmosphere, having suffered the pangs of persecution, the Pilgrim Fathers fled to the "place prepared" for them by Christ, their Master. This second epochal event in Americas History occurred in the year 1620. They traversed a vast sea, in their little ship, and braved the dangers of an unknown rock-bound coast, in order to "Find freedom to Worship God." Mrs. Hemans sings of them

"Aye, call it holy ground,
The soil which first they trod.
They have left unstained what there
they found,—
Freedom to worship God."

The noble adventure of the Pilgrim Fathers forms one of the brightest and most inspiring of the pages of history. The spirit which these brave and consecrated Protestants implanted in the western world, has left its impress forever, not only on the rugged shores of New England, but in every State of the American Union. The pure evangelical religion which they professed and practised, wholly free from every form of ecclesiasticism and priestcraft, and which they sealed, in their "Contact" with benediction, "IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN!" this has become the dominant religion of America, shaped her destiny, sealed her mission among the peoples of the world, and laid the foundation for the establishment of the Kingdom of God, "On earth as it is in heaven," as foretold by Christ Jesus.

The third epochal event In America's history, was the establishment of the American Federal Republic, by George Washington and his compatriots in 1776. The Declaration of Independence is one of the greatest documents ever written. The spirit of the men who wrote it, practically all of whom were Free Masons, was keyed to the highest pitch of patriotism and religious fervor; and divine inspiration flowed through their consciences, and from their pens, as they wrote the marvellous words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." "We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions.... solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States.... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually agree to pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor."

The Colonies thus given their independence, became "free and independent States," as one people, or nation. This free and unified People later, through the inspired vision of Washington, and the consecrated pen of Alexander Hamilton, wrote the Constitution of the United States of America, which Gladstone characterized as the "most marvellous document ever written by the pen of man." Quoting from the Constitution "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more Perfect Union — do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America."

The uniqueness of Washington's achievement lies in this, that he founded and established a great Nation, the American Federal Union, in the last remaining portion of earth's habitable surface to be discovered and colonized. In this separate section of the globe, and under the peculiar conditions and circumstances which brought forth the Revolution, Washington established a nation destined to occupy the highest and last place among the nations of the earth, upon ideals and principles which, of necessity, inaugurated a "New Aera," and projected throughout the world, the inevitable conflict, earth's final battle, the great Armageddon. Only those who possess keen spiritual vision, can discern the steady and clear light of Washington's star, and whither it points, amid the seeming universal darkness and gloom, not alone in the out-side world, but unhappily in the minds of some American statesman and their misguided followers.

The same spirit which established the American Union, found expression later, in the Monroe Doctrine, to safeguard the sacred ideals and separate place of America in the world, from encroachment of the old world system. We quote from this document "We should regard any attempt on their part, to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere, as dangerous to our peace and safety, as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States." Later, when the Nation was purged of the European-formed institution of slavery and the schismatic doctrine of States' Rights, as opposed to the principle of a Federal Union, laid down by Washington, was erased forever from the American conscience — when these two acts were accomplished by the great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln, the American Union was preserved.

In contemplation of this unbroken spiritual development of the American Federal Republic, held throughout the centuries to a single spiritual ideal, we may ask; "Whose was the master Mind which guided the destiny of the Western World up to this hour, and prepared American Nation to become the spiritual leader of the world?" The answer is obvious. Christ is the Ruler of America, the same Christ who two thousand years ago, asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" The spirit of Christ pervades the Nordic peoples, and impels them in the inescapable warfare between Christ and the dragon, between Christ and the anti-Christ, the forces of evil, sin, disease, dark-ness and death. The Son of God, to whom God gave the rulership, anointing him with the word, "This is my beloved Son; hear him," has never relinquished the throne which God gave him. To-day, he is assert-ing his reign, the reign in the extirpation of anti-Christ, and his works of sin, disease and death, from God's earth. St. John, the beloved disciple, records Christ as saying, after his ascension; "I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of death and of hell." "Behold, I come quickly," and Christ's disciples of this hour reply, "Even so, come, Lord Christ."

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Mr. P. B. Hyndman spoke in meticulous fashion on the broad subject of "America" from WHAP. The first portion of his address, wherein it was stated that the Norsemen discovered America because the year 1,000 A.D. had been prophesied as the end of the world, was interesting. Thereafter religion became confused with history in the address and Mr. Hyndman labored unconvincingly with a strange mingling of the two. Nordic Americans, apparently, are the designated salt of the earth, in Mr. Hyndman's eyes. The historical and religious arguments presented by Mr. Hyndman supported his premise feebly and dubiously.