

so many of their kin have found home and opportunity, and whom they wish to join? Just this: Admit those whom we need and who are fit, giving preference to those who have relatives here who can vouch for them, but none who lack a clean bill of health, moral and physical. Abolish the arbitrary, unscientific and cruel percentage quota of our present law. It is a makeshift. Establish a commission on immigration at Washington whose function shall be to determine the country's needs.

It may be advisable to establish by law certain maximum numbers per year, but it would be better to trust the commission, possibly subject to the approval of the president. Have this commission comprised of nine men representing the great industries of the country and the general public, and let them say how much new blood we may safely admit from overcrowded Europe. Then at all the great ports of Europe let an American medical and industrial staff pass upon the would-be immigrants that the needless crowding, inefficiency and suffering of Ellis Island may cease. Haphazard immigration is a source of danger. Scientific immigration adds to our strength and power. The task is worthy of our best statesmen.

We plan to receive good immigrants. We must also send home bad ones. We lack any proper record of aliens once they pass our gates. Such record is needed and should be made yearly by every immigrant until he becomes a citizen. If not a citizen after ten years then he should go home. We have no place for those

seeking protection and opportunity under our laws but do not support them.

And what of our own people, those whose ancestry goes back through generations, past the Civil War to Bunker Hill and Yorktown, to Plymouth Rock and Jamestown? Is their record perfect? Have they achieved the ideal of the fathers who laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty in the early colonies, in the Constitution, and who sealed their beliefs in blood for your benefit and mine? Unfortunately, no. Human nature yields to prejudice to passion, to jealousy, to hatred, today as in the time of Caesar.

We have universities on a hundred hills and schools in a thousand valleys but human life is cheaper in America today than in many lands we hold inferior. Read the appalling story of crime, of suicide and of accidents which are due to criminal carelessness and realize that Utopia is far in the future.

We have every phase of religious belief and unbelief preaching their doctrines with the utmost freedom and inconsistency. Yet the crime-wave is the text of many sermons and the source of anxiety to all thinking people. Has Christianity failed? By no means. Without it civilization would have failed as Greece and Rome succumbed to the barbarians. Whoever preaches faith in God, obedience to His law and the law of the nation, in responsibility here and in the life to come, is worthy of respect and support regardless of the name upon the banner.

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