

sentiment of the American people is not behind it all, working deep and earnestly toward the very root of the evil? The men first to lay their lives on the altar of their country to protect her flag from insult, here, too, could they only realize the danger, would faithfully respond. So again let go out that old time call of Liberty and Union. Hearing, let us see, and seeing, meet the foe. We can not evade, we can not deny. We dare not extenuate, we dare not palliate, if we value national existence. When we perish from the earth it will be from causes within. "Yet the will is free; strong is the soul, and wise, and beautiful; the seeds of god-like power are in us still." We need fear no foreign foe so long as we hold fast to the principles that were in the hearts of our fathers when they founded this republic, the principles by which our institutions were conceived in purity, our standards of right and wrong made stainless and high, and our laws held inviolable. Lest we forget, let us as of old "go to the limpid fountain of unadulterated patriotism, and, performing a solemn lustration, return divested of all sordid, selfish, and sinister impurities," and most of all, return with eyes clear to see the right and will strengthened to stand for that righteousness that exalteth a nation, so that in reality this nation may not perish, but on through the ages live to fulfill its heaven appointed functions for mankind.

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