

President Wright's
notes -

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Almost 25 years ago I said
"The ideal... that America has
Contributed to the stream of human
Civilization is political freedom.
We are the most individualistic people
upon the earth, and as long as our
present ideal dominates, we can
never have a national or a
State religion. So long as the ideal that
now rules lives, we, as a nation, are
secure and will be until this ideal
dies and another takes its place in
the central thought of our life. If this
ever happens, and God forbid that it
should, then we will follow the new
ideal until it in its turn, is
emptied into the great stream of life."

I have lived to see ^{the new} this come to
pass. ~~We are at the dawn of~~ ^{Collectivism}
~~A new ideal has trickled into~~
the stream of human civiliza-
tion. We are at the dawn of a
new era. Collectivism as a
new ideal has trickled into the
stream of ~~human~~ civilization.
This new ideal is not dictatorship
tho' it apparently is taking this form
temporarily in name of the nations
of the world. Collectivism is

democracy moving forward
 and adjusting itself to the machine
 age. It is ~~not~~ destructive does
 not destroy individualism. In
 fact it does exactly the opposite
 - develops individualism by
 making the individual group
 conscious. It makes me
 realize that I can get the greatest
 personal freedom only when
 I realize my obligations to others.
 Great inventions and great discoveries
 are worked out today in laboratories.
 Edison found in Collectivism
 a handmaid for his inventive
 genius. The Mayo Bros. established
 a clinic. The large electric companies
 have their laboratories. ~~But many~~
~~cases hospitals are medical~~
~~laboratories where~~ ^{in all of its days} the world is
 moving forward through some
 form of Collectivism ~~some~~
~~form of Experiment Stations.~~
 In all of these Experiment
 Stations the workers develop
 the highest type of individualism
 the world has ever known.

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Collectivism gives us ~~the~~ ^{the} highest maximum of freedom. We are at the dawn of the greatest period of human freedom the world has ever known.

What has brought this about, the World War? No. The meatshame of Caprusian following the great destructive Conflict? No. The period of suffering following the great Conflict? No. Back of every great movement in human affairs lies often hidden away some idea, some thought, some spirit, some great moving impulse. Call it by any name you will. It is deep seated. A human cry: "Am I my brothers Keeper" is still crying from the ground to Jehovah, and the answer comes back ringing thru the ages "the voice of thy brother's blood, crieth ~~to~~ unto me from the ground." It is a realization of human inter-dependence and this realization takes the form of what I call Collectivism -

human beings working together for the common good
 If this is to carry on what is necessary, through long experience the world has realized that ignorance and superstition have been millstones under the neck of human progress.

Intelligence has at last asserted itself. We cannot carry on in this new era unless ~~the~~ we educate all the people. Not in America alone, but the beacon lights of education must shine brightly upon all the people of all the nations of earth. All enlightened humanity will give us the most ^{advanced} ~~glorious~~ civilization the world has ever known.