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MUST PROTECT WEAK

SAYS THIS IS MAIN SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

PROF. CALDWELL DISCUSSES IT

Declares That Roosevelt Will Take With Him the Confidence of the Plain People of the Country.

Professor Caldwell's annual review of the president's message was given at chapel yesterday morning and was, as usual, a clear and forceful discussion of the president's message. This is the fifth year that Professor Caldwell has reviewed the president's message and his address is coming to be one of the events of the school year. Professor Caldwell spoke in part as follows:

"Both in character and quantity of matter our retiring strenuous president will have distanced all his predecessors. This vast increase in output finds its reason and justification in various factors. One factor and no inconsiderable one either, has its source in the character of the man himself: Earnest, sanguine, self-centered and self-confident, believing in himself and in his cause, loving the fight and victory, he returns to champion the principles he advocates on every available opportunity. Another force is found in a marked tendency in our political life to make the president its real leader—to approximate the English system of cabinet government, and thus to force him to develop in full measure the issues before the people, and to champion the views he holds in order to win and retain the support of the people. A third factor may be recognized in the enormous increase in the functions of the government in the last century.

Wishes to Protect Weak.

"Much as the president tries to conceal it, by inveighing against unjust attacks on wealth, yet an analysis of the message will show that practically the entire document is given over to a discussion of how to protect the weak against the selfish, grasping after an undue share of the natural resources of the country, and a too great proportion of the production of labor. The president finds many weaknesses in the courts, the judges and their practices; yet he becomes extremely severe in his treatment of those who pronounce condemnation on the courts in other phrases than his own.

"Roosevelt, in this message, as in many of his former ones, discusses all topics from a twentieth century point of view—a philosophy based on the idea that society, not the individual, is the unit of modern life. He attacks extreme individualism on the one hand, and socialism on the other, yet the tendency of every measure he advocates is to curb the individual and to expand the functions of society through the organized state.

"In his treatment of the question of injunctions, he has not been able to rise above the partisan and campaign point of view. His position in regard to the demands of certain labor leaders concerning the use of injunctions may be well taken, but the tone indicates that he had his big club in hand and his fighting spirit on tap.

Causes a Sensation.

"Perhaps, however, the one passage

in his message which has caused a real sensation is that which deals with the use of the secret service officers. The president by indirection implies that the only effect of the action of congress at its former session, in forbidding any detail from the secret service and any transfer therefrom was to diminish the effectiveness of the war against graft and fraud. Congress has been stirred to action as the charge has been felt by it as a reflection on the honor of that body. The president suggested that if congressmen did not wish their acts to be investigated by the secret service they might make an express exception of themselves. This phrase has increased their ire, and the relations between the two departments of government are more strained than heretofore. Seemingly the people are with the president and feel that the cases of Senators Burton of Kansas, Mitchell of Oregon, and others, prove that congressmen, as well as appointed officers, are not above wrong.

"On the whole in this, my last interview with the president in your presence, I am glad to say that few men in our history have had more influence in moulding public sentiment that he, and on the whole in the right direction. Sometimes he seems in consistent and semi-occasionally or often he indulges in phrases less polite than 'My dear sir, I must beg your pardon and differ from you in your conclusions.' In spite of all criticism he will carry with him the confidence of the great majority of the plain people of America, as he lays down his pen that has been hurling hot phrases at his opponents, and takes up his many rifles to send hot shot at the big game of Darkest Africa."

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The class will meet in Dr. Clapp's office on Tuesday evening, January 5th, for the purpose of organizing, and settling upon the regular days upon which they are to meet.

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