

cerned with the principles underlying any pension, whatever its size. Individualism says that you cannot pension anybody unless everybody is determined to do his best to do without a pension.

Individualism says that the State cannot find employment for anybody unless everybody makes a resolute effort to find work for himself, relying on the State only in the last resource. Individualism rejects, not merely as absurd and degrading but as dangerous and destructive, the theory so sedulously preached by politicians that the State of itself can provide. The peril which menaces us owing to the growing sense of dependence is enormous, and can never be removed until we have developed in the breast of everyone the old spirit of Individualism and independence.

We will have no more of mere anti-Socialism—that is to flatter the Socialists. We will have Individualism as a constructive system of life, a philosophy of government. Christianity is not recommended to us on the ground that it is anti-heathen; and Individualism must be looked upon as a creed, as a thing which stands by itself, has an existence of its own, anxious to be free from the folly, the stupidity, the meanness of other theories.

Popular education has developed a healthy discontent with things as they are, a discontent which is the very seed of future advancement, but a discontent which is not yet wise enough, not yet sufficiently enlightened, to resist the bait of political