

President Wilson and Mexico.

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For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

Patriotism is a nation's tender regard for its own record, history and achievement, and in the literature of every nation, worthy of the name, there are to be found superb expressions of love, affection and sincere appreciation for national ideals, heroes, and, as yet, unrealized hopes. No people ever manifested a more commendable type of patriotism than Israel. The Hebrew's love for his native land, was and is, the pathetic fact of his history. Palestine, protected on the west by the sea, on the east by the deepest and most eccentric river in the world, on the south by the dreary waste of a well-nigh trackless desert and on the north by the snow-crowned peaks of Lebanon—Palestine, with its famous battle fields, its shady rills, and its ten thousand hills gilded with the golden light of memory—Palestine lying midway in history between the throbbing civilizations of Greece, Assyria and Egypt, like a jewel of peculiar brightness set in a circle of solid gold—Palestine was to the Jew the historic incarnation of every holy ideal and the standing prophecy of every coming glory. Therefore the Hebrew prophet exclaimed: When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob is the lot of His inheritance."

It is well for us to remember that patriotism is a thing which is localized by a thousand geographical divisions, but the quality of it is always the same. To the Englishman, England is a garden spot. To the Scotchman, Scotland is the land of the heather. To the Irishman, Ireland is the Emerald Isle. To the Japanese, Japan is the land of the Rising Sun. To the Italian, Italy is the land of art and beauty. To the German, Germany is the land of the castle-bordered Rhine. To the Frenchman, France is the land of fair flowers, lovely women and beautiful children. To the American, the United States is "God's country." To the Canadian, Canada is the land of the maple leaf and the future throne of empire and democracy. And Mexico is to the Mexican, the sweetest land beneath the skies; a land of birds and flowers, hills and vales, river and lake,