## HERBERT HOOVER AND AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM WALTER FRIAR DEXTER

## HERBERT HOOVER AND AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM

A Modern Interpretation of a National Ideal

By

WALTER FRIAR DEXTER
PRESIDENT OF WHITTIER COLLEGE

New York
THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

1932

## COPYRIGHT, 1932, By THE MACMILLAN COMPANY.

All rights reserved—no part of this book may be reproduced in any form without permission in writing from the publisher, except by a reviewer who wishes to quote brief passages in connection with a review written for inclusion in magazine or newspaper.

Set up and printed. Published July, 1932.

SET UP BY BROWN BROTHERS LINOTYPERS
PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BY THE FERRIS PRINTING COMPANY

## **CONTENTS**

Foreword	PAGE Vii
CHAPTER I	
Born in Iowa—of Quaker Stock Hoover an Individualist The Iowa Country and Its People Local Environment The West Branch Free School Membership in the Religious Society of Friends Social Service in Society of Friends Economic Inheritance Western Contacts	1 3 4 10 14 23 35 54
The Presidential Challenge	58 <b>61</b>
CHAPTER II  AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM The Problem of Freedom The Intrinsic Value of Man Individual Initiative Implication of Personal Freedom Individual Freedom and Social Responsibility	67 69 71 80 84 98
CHAPTER III	
American Individualism and the Functions of Government Individualism—a Way of Life Ordered Liberty Democratic Justice	113 115 119 132

	PAGE
Intellectual Welfare	139
To 1'the of Opportunity	160
Stimulation to Service	162
CHAPTER IV	
AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS Normal Realms of Economic Activity	171
Democratic Assistance and Control	173
Economic Freedom	176 187
Popular Responsibility	193
CHAPTER V	
American Individualism and the Problem of	
War	201
A Dual Problem	203
The President's Point of View	205
Aggressive Good-will	208
Public Opinion and Concentrated Effort	221
Cooperative Individualism	244
Quotations	<b>24</b> 9
INDEX	253