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Our former article on this subject, in the first number, gave a general view of the leading principles by which the Government is guided, and answered the chief objections which have been made to its administration. There are still other matters that have been scarcely touched, but which contribute to form the character of the Government, and will in some degree impress the same character upon the people. The latter are not so plastic as to receive any impression, nor can they be moulded into any form at the pleasure of a superior; but deference is paid to the voice of enlightened reason, especially when it is found to be studious of their interests, observant of their opinions and feelings, and more solicitous to benefit than to govern, making the latter but a means to the former. The exercise of reason in such a spirit will inspire confidence, and confidence will lead to a cheerful adoption of such principles, and co-operation in such measures, as are designed to promote the common end, and subserve the common weal. In this manner, though the Government cannot alto-

gether change the character of the people, it may to some extent modify that character, and lead them to such a course of thought and action as shall produce a general agreement between it and the community at large. There will then be a mutual reaction. The people will be the mirror in which the properties that distinguish their rulers will be reflected, and in which the latter will see the best illustration of their principles; and these in their turn will be acted upon by the people in all that constitutes their general character, lines which no agency can erase or modify. By this blending and mutual action of the whole, as the primary colours are blended in light, a degree of intelligence, harmony, and prosperity will be produced, such as can never arise from a system in which the different parties are led into continual opposition to each other, resembling more the realm of Chaos and old night than the reign of wisdom and order, glory and strength, peace and prosperity.

Union is strength. A divided people must necessarily be weak. The fable of the bundle