

and men now openly advocate and proclaim political opinions which meet with a response from the populace, which would formerly have been regarded as treasonable. Annexationists were met with at every point, respectable in numbers and character, whose admiration of the United States was unbounded and undisguised.

Could those who have recently defamed the people of Massachusetts, sneered at her principles and contemned her ancient Puritan characteristics, have listened to the eulogiums pronounced upon her by the eminent jurists, statesmen and merchants of the Provinces, they would have learned that a State, like an individual, has a moral influence commensurate with its devotion to those lofty virtues and principles, which good men everywhere venerate and commend. Let but the people of Massachusetts and New England emulate the noble qualities and elevated christian ideas of those who have gone before them, and laid deep and strong the foundations of communities where liberty is regulated by law, where education is the priceless heritage of all, where conscience is unfettered by legal enactment, and true republican freedom is enjoyed without limit; keep resolutely and faithfully on their course, and they are sure to receive the respect, confidence and admiration of all whose good opinion is worth possessing.

Let them be true to their ancestry, their history and themselves, and their influence will increase with the advancing civilization of mankind.