

The control in which some of the standard papers of the day, hold the public mind is very remarkable. In Great Britain, when the *Times* and some of the standard papers of the nation harmonize, and devote their energies to the advancement of any particular object, the mind of the nation becomes aroused, and the object is at once effected.

Nations become free, independent and enlightened, in proportion to the freedom, independence, and moral and intellectual stamina possessed by the press. In all countries where the press is trammelled, the mind of the people is also chained down and enslaved; the mass grossly ignorant. In Great Britain and North America the press is free, and so are the minds of the people, and the resource of both mind and matter are being continually developed; not so, however, with the other sections of the world;—the minds of the people are fettered, their energies paralyzed, ignorance and superstition prevails, and their resources, in a great measure, lie undeveloped.

A free and intelligent press will soon educate the people to be free and intelligent also. Ignorance, despotism, brute force, and a trammelled press, generally go hand in hand.

The press, then, being invested, when free, with such great power, it is important that it should be wielded aright—in the elevation of our race, and not prostituted to suit the degraded mind of man.—The press, we have said, is a great teacher, therefore it should send forth lessons of moral and intellectual truth, until every son and daughter of Adam's race becomes elevated, and fitted to assume their proper sphere in the scale of creation. But a portion of the press of the day, continues to flood society with a low effeminate literature, vulgar slang and abuse; reason, truth, and argument are lost sight of.

The passion of society for novel-reading, and the extremes into which political parties run, tend to retard the moral and intellectual development of society, and lower the character of the press. In novel-reading, effeminate trash is the most eagerly sought for by the corrupt mind: and in party politics, party is sustained by its friends, and its opponents condemned whether right or wrong. It would be well for the political press to copy after the *London Times* and other standard papers of Great Britain. No matter what party is in power, the *Times* justifies every act which is conducive to the interests of the Nation, and condemns every act that does not meet the approbation of the people; so that measures and not party is its political motto.

In the Lower Provinces of British North America, the press has assumed an important position in society; and we are proud to say, with few exceptions, it is an honest exponent of public opinion. The religious portion of the press is well worthy of its respective denominations; by it, all questions are discussed in a spirit of christian forbearance, and with a view to truth. This class of papers is decidedly the safest teachers, whether of moral, religious, or political truth, and