

unseen and unknown foe can do us far more hurt than an open and declared enemy. By our perpetual attacks on institutions and individuals, we are driving public foes from the open plains of publicity into the jungles of secrecy where their evil doings will only become more serious. We must take another course if we wish to keep our country true to the principles for which our fathers fought and died.

Much good has been done by the expression of opinion on public matters,—in fact, it is the only way to determine what is best. But there is a limit to everything. Lowell says, "I was in danger of being carried beyond the limits of my own opinions, or at least of that temper with which every man should speak his mind." It is to that temper that many Americans should return.

The press should be the educator of the masses, filling them with good, pure and lofty ideals,—leading them above what is low and gross in life. The press should be the reliable chronicler of the world's doings, bringing men nearer together, making us understand each other better, and uniting us in a great brotherhood and fraternity. The press should be a search-light, turned on public affairs, illuminating the good, but not making a pyrotechnic display of the evil.

When the press has come to fulfill these ends, when the people have attained to that noble, kindly and true expression of opinion,—then and only then will we be enjoying that complete and unrestricted freedom which our fathers deemed best to give us.



VOICES AND ECHOES.

(A Junior Oration.)

THE toil of the day is ended, and the earth lies hushed in silence. All day long up the trail of the canyon, the travelers have wended their way; but as the dusk begins to deepen, they halt and prepare for the coming night. The horses are relieved of their packs, and tethered in some grassy spot. The tents are pitched and everything made secure. A fire is