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Do we realize the extent to which the modern world relies for its opinions on public utterances and the Press? Do we realize how completely we are all in the power of report? Any little lie or exaggerated sentiment uttered by one with a bee in his bonnet, with a principle or an end to serve, can, if cleverly expressed and



distributed, distort the view of thousands, sometimes of millions. Any willful suppression of truth for party or personal ands can so falsify our vision of things as to plunge us into andless cruelties and follies. Honesty of thought and speech and written word is a jewel and they who curb prejudice and seek nonourably to know and speak the truth are the only true puilders of a better life. But what a dull world if we can't chatter and write irresponsibly can't slop over with hatred or pursue our own ends without scruple! To be tied to the apron strings of ruth, or coiffed with the nightcap of silence; who in this age of cheap ink and oratory, will submit to such a fate?

Report, I would almost say, now rules the world and holds the face of man on the sayings of its many tongues. If the good sense of mankind cannot somehow restrain utterance and cleanse report, democracy, so highly vaunted, will not save us; and all the glib words of promise spoken might as well have lain unuttered in the throats of orators. We are always in peril under Democracy of taking the line of least resistance and immediate material profit. The gentlemen, for instance, whoever he was, who first discovered that he could sell his papers better by undercutting the standard of his rivals, and appealing to the lower tastes of the public under the flag of that convenient expression 'what the public wants' made a most evil discovery. The Press is for the most part in the hands of men who know what is good and right. It can be a great agency for levelling up. But whether it is so or not, one continually hears is doubted. There ought to be no room for doubt in any of our minds that the Press is on the side of the angels. 378

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